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THE SIEGE OF CHARLESTON.

Arrival of the Belvidere, with News to July 29.

A Battery of Three Heavy Siege Guns Erected Within a Mile and a Quarter of Fort Sumter.

Our Batteries Distant from Fort Wagner but 250 Yards.

The Speedy Reduction of Sumter Expected.

By the arrival at this port, yesterday morning, of the transport *Belvidere*, Capt. W. H. WHITNEY, from Port Royal, S. C., July 29, we have news from Charleston to the 26th.

The *Belvidere* had on board the One Hundred and Seventy-fourth regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, numbering 417, noncommissioned officers and privates, whose term of service had expired. She passed off Charleston bar July 29, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Saw two Monitors and the *Ironsides* engaging Fort Wagner.

Gen. GILLMORE had succeeded in erecting a long line of batteries within 250 yards of Fort Wagner. He had also mounted three heavy siege guns within one mile and a quarter of Fort Sumter, which were to open fire on Sumter the day the *Belvidere* sailed.

Gen. GILLMORE was confident that, when he had mounted all his heavy siege guns he would soon reduce Sumter. The casualties among our forces were very few in number.

THE OPERATIONS AT CHARLESTON.

A TRIP UP THE HARBOR ON A FLAG-OF-TRUCE BOAT.

Correspondence of the Philadelphia Enquirer.

MORRIS ISLAND, Saturday, July 25, 1863.

It having been thought desirable that we should, if possible, have our wounded, taken in the late engagements and in the hands of the rebels, brought within our lines and properly cared for by our own surgeons and nurses, last Wednesday evening Gen. VENABLE, Col. HALE and Dr. CRAYER went, under a flag of truce, and held a conference on the subject with Gen. HARTSUFF and other rebel officers. This conference resulted in an agreement for the exchange of wounded, without regard to numbers, and that the men of each party of wounded should give their parole, to remain in force until regularly exchanged. The rebels agreed, also, to meet us near Sumter with a flag of truce for this purpose, on Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, when the exchange would take place.

Tuesday afternoon the rebel wounded were placed on board the hospital boat *Cosmopolitan* at Hilton Head, preparatory to their departure for Charleston. It was also thought advisable that the rebel Surgeons captured by us at Morris Island should also be sent across the lines, therefore they were also given passage, and at midnight we started for Charleston Bay. The following distinguished personages accompanied the boat from Port Royal: Medical Inspector BARKER, Medical Director CRAYER, Surgeon BORTNOUX, in charge of the boat, and your humble servant, who was the only representative of the Press on board.

The rebel wounded were taken care of in the best manner on board the boat.

We arrived off Charleston bar at 8 o'clock on Friday morning, in time to witness our iron-clad and mortar fleet engaging Fort Wagner, or rather pouring over that remarkable sand bank a deluge of fire and iron.

After we had crossed the bar we anchored and awaited orders from shore. Presently a boat came from headquarters, containing Col. HALE, Maj. MORGAN and FRYER, of Gen. GILLMORE's Staff, and Surgeons DIXON and GARDE. Col. HALE drew up the necessary parole for the rebel wounded and their Surgeons, and all our arrangements being completed, we hoisted the white flag, and awaited the withdrawal of our fleet.

At 9 o'clock a steamer was seen coming down from Charleston, also bearing a white flag. Upon this Wagner, Sumter, and our fleet and our batteries ceased to silence, and we moved up the channel on our mission.

The rebel steamer stopped at our first Monitor, and occupied the spot which was to be neutral until the affair was over. We continued on our course, and soon anchored near her, and found that she was the *Alice*, of Charleston, a blockade runner from Nassau, which had succeeded in running into Charleston two nights previous, with a cargo of machinery and iron for gunboats, medical and other supplies, and was still unloaded. This steamer had been chartered by the rebel authorities to bring down our wounded. No doubt they thought that the size of a Clyde-built, side-wheel steamer, of beautiful model, light draft, and great speed, loaded with a valuable cargo, and having on board her enterprising crew, would be gulling to us. They were right, it was; and I thought if the rebels could run into Charleston such a steamer now, when our fleet in this harbor is almost innumerable, what must have been their success before, when the blockade of Charleston was less perfect? Her Captain was a jaunty looking "boy," and with pleasure informed me that he run his line of steamers regularly between Charleston and Nassau. The crew of the *Alice* were a rough, daring set, and composed of different nationalities. Some of them spoke disparagingly of Fort Lafayette, which resort they had visited since the war.

The *Alice* being at anchor, we hove to, and the *Cosmopolitan* being made fast to her rebel compeer, a plank was thrown out. Dr. CRAYER stepped upon it, and inquiring for the officer on board, was met by Col. ARNAUD, Major MORGAN, D. C. on Gen. RITCH's Staff, and Capt. WAGNER, Assistant Adjutant General also of Gen. RITCH's Staff. These officers came on board the *Cosmopolitan*, and were met in the saloon by Col. HALE, where a conference was held, and the paroles properly signed and witnessed. To give a description of each of these officers would occupy too much time, and I will only say that they appeared very courteous and gentlemanly.

Col. ARNAUD, a tall fine-looking man, was dressed in a Kossuth hat, white pantaloons and vest, having three stars on the collar, designating his rank. Major MORGAN was dressed in military cap, plain blue clothes, without mark of rank. Capt. WAGNER was also in plain clothes, wearing a Captain's cap. Fort Wagner was named after his brother THOMAS, a brave officer, who was killed last year by the explosion of a gun in Sumter.

It seemed as if this flag of truce had been made the occasion for an excursion from Charleston, as the deck of the *Alice* was crowded with men of all ages and grades, whose eyes were big with curiosity. N. H. NATHANS, Chief Engineer of the Charleston Fire Department, assisted by his corps, was in charge of our wounded, and was especially efficient. Bishop LYNCH of Charleston, an affable gentleman of the old school, was with our wounded, encouraging them and rendering whatever kindness he could. These gentlemen seemed to have come down for a purpose, not omitting one of the culture of the Charleston Courier with whom I conversed for a long time on subjects not contraband.

Our boats anchored within one mile from Sumter and within half a mile of Wagner, so that I had a good view of Wagner, Sumter, Moultrie, Johnson, Ripley, Pinckney, Moultrieville and Charleston. Our iron-clads and the *Ironsides* lay near us, resting after their action of the morning, while upon Wagner stood groups of men, glad to exchange their bomb-proof for a quiet look at our fleet and the flag-of-truce steamers. Charleston, with her steeples, houses, streets, wharves, and curling smoke, appeared plain in view. Sumter stood out in the harbor, with her sallen walls and parapets bristling with guns, so near that I could look into their muzzles. It seemed strange that we should be rowing safely within range of all these rebel forts, which, were it not for the flag at our mast, would make the water foam around us with flaming shot.

The rebel wounded, numbering thirty-eight, were first conveyed on board the *Alice*, and the five rebel Surgeons joined their friends. It occupied but little time to accomplish this, and soon our own brave boys were being brought from the deck of the *Alice* to the comfortable wards of the *Cosmopolitan*. I could but notice the difference between their condition, and those rebels who, but a few moments ago, had been carried on board the *Alice*, clothed in clean linen, and lacking nothing essential to their ease and comfort. But our poor fellows laid upon the decks of the *Alice* in the same tattered and bloody clothes in which they were wounded, and presented a sad sight. It may have been, and I think it the case that, because of inadequate supplies and accommodations, the rebel authorities can do no better for our wounded, and that our men came back thus in this pitiable condition. As they were brought on board the *Cosmopolitan*, and washed, fed with beef soup, tea, coffee, etc., and received the experienced treatment of our Surgeons, it seemed as if the millenium had dawned upon them, and I never saw countenances indicating such perfect relief and satisfaction. The number of wounded received from the *Alice* was one hundred and five. There are still remaining in Charleston and Columbia one hundred and forty of our wounded officers and men in too serious a condition to be moved at present. Besides this, fifty-seven of our officers and men have already died from the effects of their wounds. Negro troops of the Fifty-fourth Massachusetts are being taken care of the same as the rest of our wounded. Among the wounded returned to us there were none of these negroes, and Col. ARNAUD, upon being asked the reason why, answered that it was a matter of future consideration with his Government.

The Sisters of Charity are very attentive to our wounded in Charleston, and do everything possible under the circumstances. The following note was brought by the Bishop:

CHARLESTON, July 25, 1863.

To Com. Forty-eighth New-York Regiment:

Please communicate the following facts to my friends in Brooklyn: I am here in the hospital, with a severe wound in my left hip. Yours, respectfully, FRED. HURST, Captain Co. E, Forty-eighth New-York.

Per H. W. ARNAUD.

Capt. TUSTANNEY, of the Seventh Connecticut, is in Columbia, wounded in the leg, and doing well; also, Maj. EDWARDS, of the Sixty-second Ohio, has suffered amputation near the thigh, and is not expected to recover.

It would be impossible for me to narrate a full account of my conversation with the passengers of the *Alice*, or write in this short space their opinions. But I can sum it all up in one sentence—an earnest belief in the final success of their cause. They do not believe that we will ever take Charleston, or even Wagner or Sumter. They are especially enraged that we should "fight gentlemen with niggers," and were pleased to tell how they buried Col. SHAW with a pit with twenty-five of his niggers. They complimented the bravery of our troops in the late Wagner assaults, but believe that we will soon "raise the siege of Charleston." At 1½ o'clock our mission was ended, and the *Alice* and *Cosmopolitan* parted, the one for the "doomed city," the other for Hilton Head. Thus ended the flag of truce, and during the rest of the day neither side opened fire, as if the spell created by our mission was too sacred to be broken.

THE WAR IN KENTUCKY.

Gen. Burnside Declares the State under Martial Law.

CINCINNATI, Friday, July 31.

Maj.-Gen. BURNSIDE has issued an order declaring the State of Kentucky invaded by a rebel force with the avowed intention of overawing the Judges of Elections, intimidating loyal voters and keeping them from the polls, and forcing the election of disloyal candidates at the election on the 3d proximo.

The military of the Government, the order declares, the only force that can defeat this attempt, and the State of Kentucky is therefore placed under martial law.

All military officers are commanded to aid the constituted authorities of the State in the support of the laws and the purity of suffrage.

The loyally anointed Judges at the polls will be held strictly responsible that no disloyal person be allowed to vote, and to this end the military power of the Government is ordered to give them its utmost support.

THE KENTUCKY ELECTION.

The State election in Kentucky occurs to-morrow, and will be awaited with considerable interest. There are two parties, the Union and the Democratic, both professing to be in favor of the Union, but the former more unconditionally so. The distinction in some respects between the two is not easily definable, but it is distinctly felt. Col. BRAMLETTE heads the Union ticket for Governor, and Hon. C. A. WICKLIFFE the Democratic. The rival candidates for Congress are as follows:

Districts.	Union.	Democrats.
1....	*Samuel S. Cary	H. S. Trimble.
2....	*Geo. H. Yeaman,	T. W. Gilreath.
3....	Henry Grider,	John H. McHenry.
4....	Aaron Harding,	R. M. Bradley.
5....	Robert Mallory,	Jackson Grady.
6....	Green Clay Smith,	Nathaniel Wolfe.
7....	John Mills,	Capt. Lathers.
8....	Brutus J. Clay,	
9....	Wm. A. Randall.	

*In the last House. †Politics unknown.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

FORTRESS MONROE, Friday, July 31.

The United States frigate *Minnesota* left her old anchorage at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, and sailed for the blockading squadron, off North Carolina.

Steamer *S. R. Spaulding*, Capt. HOWES, sailed for Newbern, N. C., at ten o'clock this forenoon.

The flag-of-truce boat *New-York*, Capt. CARNEY, arrived early this morning from Fort Delaware, with nearly eight hundred rebel prisoners, most of whom are wounded.

The Portsmouth *Virginian* of July 30, says:

On the 29th inst. Gen. H. M. NAPIER issued orders to the Common Council of Portsmouth, Va., to revoke certain acts passed by them, among which acts were the revocation of the issue of City scrip, and the order compelling the Sobeah to pay their rent into the City Treasury.

The City Council met on the evening of the 29th inst., and passed the following:

Resolved, First, that we refuse to recognize the authority of Brig.-Gen. H. M. NAPIER to decide any case of appeal from the action of this Board.

Resolved, Second, that the Mayor and other officers of the City Government be required to enforce every act of this Council, regardless of any orders emanating from the military authorities, and that in the event of a conflict of authority, an appeal shall be taken to his Excellency the Governor to sustain the authority of the State and the City.

(Signed) W. F. PARKER, C. C.

The Portsmouth *Virginian* also says:

"Eight rebel Surgeons and Chaplains arrived in this city Thursday afternoon, on their way to City Point. They were taken at Gettysburgh."

A detachment of marines have left the Marine Barracks, Gosport, for New-York, en route for Fort Royal, S. C.

On Tuesday last, Police Officers WM. H. DRAKE and GEO. JOHNSON, in company with Lieut. TAUSSIG, of the Patrol Guard, entered the dwelling of one WALKER, on Court-street, and found concealed beneath the chamber floor some firearms, which they took to the Provost-Marshal's for safe keeping. WALKER is a gentleman of speak persuasion.

Steamer *New York* left for City Point with the 800 wounded Rebel prisoners at 4 o'clock this afternoon, in charge of general flag-of-truce officer, Maj. MOTTROM.

Steamer *Georgiana*, Capt. FRENCH, sailed for South Carolina this afternoon.

Escape from Jail of Notorious Convicts.

PORTLAND, Me., Saturday, Aug. 1.

JOHN HALE, a notorious horse thief, and EPHRAIM GILMAN, a murderer, broke jail at Paris, Oxford County, last night, escaping by wrenching the lock from the outer door with wooden instruments. HALE got out of his cell, and released GILMAN.

Launch of a Gunboat.

BOSTON, Saturday, Aug. 1.

The new and powerful Monitor *Cascacus* was launched to-day from the marine works of THOMAS LOMBARD, at East Boston.

The Steamer Morning Star.

DEAL, near LONG BRANCH, N. J., Aug. 1.

The steamer *Morning Star* ashore near this place, lies in an easy position, and makes no water as yet. Capt. MERRITT and a tug are here to render assistance.

LEE'S REBEL ARMY.

Measures Taken to Ascertain Its Exact Locality.

An Important Movement About to be Made by the Army of the Potomac.

RATIONS ISSUED FOR A LONG MARCH.

Recovery of the Property Stolen by Mosby.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Aug. 1.

The statement that LEE's forces are massed at Culpepper is not credited in military circles here. There is no doubt that he has a strong rear guard at that point, but the main body of his army is thought to be on the south bank of the Rapidan. The exact location and position of the rebel army will be ascertained within the next twenty-four hours.

The public will not be surprised to learn that Gen. MEADE's army is about to make an important movement. Just what it is to be, of course, it would not be prudent to state; but one thing is certain, rations for a long march has been issued.

A portion of our cavalry crossed the Rappahannock, near Beverly's Ford, yesterday, and other forces are already on the move.

Col. LOVELL's expedition in pursuit of MOSBY returned to Fairfax to-day.

Although most of the stolen property was recovered, the Guerilla Chieftain and all his men except six escaped.

THE BATTLE AT MANASSAS GAP.

From the Washington Republican, July 31.

The engagement at Manassas Gap, on the 24th inst., was one of the most gallant of the war. The second division of the Third army corps was most conspicuous in the fight, and its new commander, Brig.-Gen. RUFUS PAXTON, won at once the confidence of his men by his conduct in this affair. The enemy appeared in large force on the hills, in the neighborhood of the Gap, and the order was given to dislodge them.

The First division, Gen. WADE, was ordered to occupy the crest of the hill, while Gen. PAXTON with his division, was to drive them from another. Gen. WADE performed his part in admirable manner, it was for the Second division, under Gen. PAXTON, to drive the enemy, and he made his dispositions accordingly. He ordered the Excelsior brigade, under command of Gen. SPINOLA, to move through a ravine, and there to take the hill by storm. The brigades under Gen. CAZE and Col. BURLING were so disposed in column by division closed en masse, so to make a storming column, in case Gen. SPINOLA did not succeed, at the same time it diverted the attention of the enemy from the real attack.

The artillery opened upon the columns as they formed, without much effect. Gen. SPINOLA having his troops at the required place under the personal direction of our division commander, deployed them and gave the order to charge bayonets, and the Excelsior brigade, so often in the thickest of the fight, rushed on with a yell, charged up the hill amidst the fire of artillery and musketry, with SPINOLA at its head.

Gen. SPINOLA, at the commencement of the charge, was wounded twice, once in the side and in the hand. The Excelsiors wavered not, and carried the hill, driving the enemy before them.

The operations of PAXTON's division were seen by the General-in-Chief and a large part of the army, who were in position on the neighboring hills. The spectacle was exceedingly dramatic—the Second division, Third corps, being the principal actors, and the rest of the army, on the surrounding hills, being spectators.

Gen. MEADE was highly pleased at the conduct of the troops and the dispositions made by the General in charge for the attack, and the handsome execution of it by the brigade commanders. The Excelsior brigade, reduced in numbers as it is by many a hard fought battle, never did better.

The engagement was entirely an infantry fight on our part, while the enemy had artillery in position which did great execution among our lines. Our loss is killed and wounded was about two hundred.

The troops slept upon their arms in the position they had taken, and the next day moving forward in pursuit of the enemy to Front Royal, but they had retired during the night, and our troops came back.

The following order was issued to the troops:

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION, THIRD ARMY CORPS, Near Manassas Gap, Va., July 25, 1863.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 37.—The commanding officer of the Second division, Third army corps, congratulates the division on the conspicuous part which fell to it in the operations in Manassas Gap, day before yesterday and the evening previous, and desires them to notice that this work was solely performed by hard marching.

The rebel column, the enemy in which Rufus the enemy before us, and at the same time maintained its formation, shows that the old division, reduced to its frame-work by continual service, needs yet to be closed up, able to act together to inspire dread of the encounter.

The gallantry of the Second Excelsior brigade was gallantly led and manfully executed.

By command of Brig.-Gen. HENRY PRINCE.

ALBERT CADWALADER, First Lieut. and A. D. C.

AFFAIRS IN KANSAS.

Recruiting Brisk—The Crops Promising—A Bright Future.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

LEAVENWORTH, Monday, July 27, 1863.

Recruiting in Kansas for both the new and old regiments proceeds quite briskly. Our present quota, under the draft, is reported as a little over 1,600 men. Keep it off for a month and we shall recruit nearly that number. During the last month we have raised eight companies for old cavalry regiments: Companies M and B, Fifth; I, L and M, Sixth; and I, L and M for the Ninth Kansas. The last two lack about a dozen men to fill up. The Eleventh Kansas, mounted infantry, report 100 men recruited since the receipt of the order to mount, not two weeks since. The Thirteenth also ordered to be mounted, lacked 70 men of the minimum strength. It has filled up within a week. Companies A, B and "C," of the new cavalry regiment, Fourteenth Kansas, are mustered, and are serving with Gen. BLUNT as a body guard. Company D has mustered 60 men, and three other companies have about the same number, making seven companies raised in little over a month. The Second Kansas Colored regiment has four companies ready for muster, or nearly so, and about 200 recruits in additional detachments. A fact worthy of notice is that all the claim made by the State against the General Government for expenses incurred in organizing troops, is $72,25[illegible]. It is true that the War Department has more directly than in other States been concerned in the primary organization of troops. Yet it is also true, and remarkably so, that such organization has cost far less than elsewhere.

Everywhere throughout the State we hear the most promising accounts of the crops. In some parts the wheat was injured by the chinch bug and the heavy rains, yet it will be one-third larger than any previous harvest. Our fruit trees promise abundantly. Cattle are in great demand, and have advanced rapidly in, in some sections it is stated doubling in value within the present season. Our wool yield will be large. The farmers of Kansas are paying especial attention to this staple. It is claimed that sheep thrive marvelously in this State, the wool improving greatly, and the cost of feeding and wintering being very small indeed. Carding mills are going up in several sections, one is in operation in this city, another is started in Lawrence, and a third at Burlington, Coffey County. Cotton is widely cultivated as an experiment, as also hemp and tobacco, in Southern Kansas; all seem to do well, and the latter will become staples without doubt. We have an active and intelligent State Agricultural Society, the President of which is Judge PARKY, of the Supreme Court of the State. A State fair will soon be held in this city. Nearly every county has a prosperous Agricultural Society, and local fairs will also be held. Improvements are progressing on every hand. In one land district alone, about 60,000 acres have been entered under the Homestead law. There are three districts in the State—one at Junction City, near Fort Riley, and one at Topeka, and the other at Humboldt, Allen County. It is to this latter that the entries spoken of were made. Let those who take their ideas of this State from the stories of civil strife, drouth and the present war, speedily change or come and see the K. in. Time will marvel at the contrast. I predicate no commonly accepted ideas of Eastern people. I set only as an agricultural, but as a trading and commercial State does Kansas demand attention.

Our trade with Colorado and New-Mexico is already very large, and must steadily increase. This year the New-Mexican trade has increased wonderfully. A large share comes here. All of it used to go to Kansas City and other Missouri towns. Now we are gaining it. The great increase is due to the reopening of our trade with New-Mexico, with the Mexican States of Chihuahua (?) and Sonora, through the exertions of Act. Gov. ARNY, formerly of Kansas, and well-known from his connection with our history.

Should the French occupation of Mexico continue and an alliance with the Confederacy occur between them, the movements initiated by Gov. ARNY will become of vast practical importance.

With the vast agricultural resources, our commanding continental position, the great interest and capital which our railroad interests are bringing to us, our transcendental loyalty and devotion to free principles, our rapidly increasing population and prosperity, we look with certainty to a bright and abundant future for our beloved Kansas. I am not hazarding too much when I say that at this date no Western State presents so many and favorable openings and opportunities for moderate capital to find really return or for emigrants to find fertile and pleasant lands, whereon to build anew their old world homes. E. J. R.

THE RETALIATION POLICY.

Our Government Determined upon Retaliation to Kill Treatment of our Soldiers, White or Black.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Aug. 1.

The *National Republican* of this afternoon contains the following announcement on the subject of retaliation:

The President has authorized the issuing of an order which will be the policy and intention of the Government to retaliate in kind for every case of ill treatment of our officers or men, black or white, by the rebel authorities, by hanging for hanging, shooting for shooting, and imprisonment for imprisonment. In every instance where it is known that a black man is in the military service of the Government is taken prisoner and sold into slavery, our military authorities will be instructed to select a rebel prisoner and confine him to hard labor in some prison, there to remain until the black man is liberated. The Government mean retaliation, and will act promptly and to the letter, that the Federal uniform, like the flag, must and shall be respected.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Aug. 1.

The President's order relative to retaliatory measures is now in the hands of the public printer, and will probably be issued on Monday. The language of the order will admit of no double construction. It is positive and to the point.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Aug. 1.

THE GUNBOAT DE KALB.

Rear-Admiral FARRAGUT, in a communication to the Navy Department, says that he is not sure of raising the *De Kalb*, and cannot yet ascertain her injuries. All the guns and everything which could be got out were removed, including the Paymaster's book and Government funds. As the residents of Yazoo City did not take the trouble to warn him of the torpedoes, which they had an opportunity of doing, three thousand bales of cotton have been seized in pay for the gunboats.

NAVAL.

Capt. Geo. F. EMMONS has been detached from the command of the *Massachusetts*, and ordered as fleet Captain of the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron. Commander J. H. SIMONS has been ordered to the command of the *Massachusetts*.

MEN AND GOODS RECAPTURED.

Information has been received at Headquarters of the recapture, by the Second Massachusetts cavalry, of all the wagons, men, goods, horses, &c., taken by MOSBY in his late raid of Fairfax Court-house.

THE DAILY CHRONICLE.

At the opening to-day of the spacious new building of the *Daily Chronicle* the Executive Department was represented by President LINCOLN and Secretaries SEWARD and WELLES. Rear-Admiral SMITH, Gen. HEINTZELMAN, with other prominent officers of the navy and army, together with the Heads of Bureaus, editors, correspondents, telegraph operators, and clerks of the various Departments, composed a large and truly pleasant party, who were handsomely entertained by Col. FORNEY, the proprietor of the *Chronicle*, at the Waverley House.

APPOINTMENTS OF EXAMINING SURGEONS.

The Commissioner of Pensions to-day made the following appointments of Examining Surgeons: Dr. JOHN G. HOUSE, Independence, Iowa; Dr. SAMUEL L. ENDERS, Danville, N. Y.; Dr. M. A. CONKLING, Glenn's Falls, N. Y.; Dr. MARCUS R. PRAKE, Gloversville, N. Y.

ITEMS FROM WASHINGTON.

RUMORED RENEWAL IN CONTEMPLATION.

Correspondence of the Philadelphia Ledger.

WASHINGTON, Friday, July 31, 1863.

The report is revived that Gen. MEADE is to be removed, and that his place will be filled by Gen. McCLELLAN. No particular or authentic data is assigned for the removal, except that he did not beat Lee and his army while the latter was engaged in deliberately making his way back into Virginia. That council of war, whose decision MEADE acquiesced in, is regarded as his fatal error, as but for his inaction he would have been followed up. And it is believed, *the bulk of his army captured. It was decided, however, by a council of war, to continue the pursuit, and thus* daring invader escaped.

Some strongly, too, there have also been complaints against the new commander, for not heading us off in Virginia, forgetting those who know the exact position and opportunities of the respective armies, know that Lee was master of the situation, and that he could conduct his retreat in his own time and in his own way. Under all the circumstances, Gen. MEADE did well, not, and if he is removed he will feel in his own breast that it was without cause.

There are some Democrats belonging to Institutions that the General did not want to follow up and capture the rebels. I say denounce him as a Democrat—a McClellan man—that he rather wished that the rebels might escape. They even assert that he would not have fought the battle of Gettysburgh, had not Lee thrown down the glove, and that it was only as a measure of self-defence that he took it up.

What the President's views are I cannot say. He has not taken to expressing to friends the deep disappointment he felt at the escape of Lee, when everything, even the elements, had conspired in favor of his capture; but whether he will listen to the clamor against MEADE, and what his decision will be, are questions for the future to unfold.

Another removal hinted at as likely to take place, if it has not already, is that of Gen. BANKS, who rumor says is to be succeeded by Gen. FRANKLIN, now in the Creole State. A rumor was prevalent, at the date of Gen. FRANKLIN's departure from here, that he would supersede the Massachusetts General, but it was not credited, and has not been since revived. To-day, however, it came strong currency, with the probabilities of the morning test. Like the removal of MEADE, it is difficult to see what cause exist for the removal of BANKS. There is not a General in command who has shown a more satisfactory record, and he can retire from the scene of his present labors, if he must do so, with a consciousness of duty well performed.

The rebel organs are making the boldest kind of predictions that our forces will not capture Charleston; but they were equally positive that Vicksburg and Port Hudson would not fall, and yet both are in our certainty possession. Gen. GILLMORE is no doubt short of men for a fast assault; but he does not lack for the necessary weapons to turn Wagner into a heap of ruins. Nor need Sumter fear her from with cotton bales, for, when Wagner is gone, neither cotton bags nor sand bags can save Sumter from surrender.

FROM NEW-ORLEANS.

The Report of the Recapture of Brashear City Confirmed.

AFFAIRS AT PORT HUDSON

The Recent Captures in the Gulf

Our news packages by the *Morning Star*, which went ashore at Deal on Friday while on her voyage from New-Orleans, have come to hand.

Brashear City surrendered on the 23d ult. to the Rebel Rocket. Official advice of the sad news had reached New-Orleans prior to the departure of the *Morning Star*.

Several United States transport steamers from up river reached New-Orleans during the stay of the *Morning Star*, some of them through from St. Louis, and were carrying passengers northward on their return trips; the splendid packet *Imperial* had carried north a large number of passengers.

Colonel HOLLOWAY, U. S. A., Chief Quartermaster, Department of the Gulf, had made arrangements for a daily mail down the Mississippi River to New-Orleans.

On the 30th, at 2:20 P. M., lat. 27° 08', long. 74° 32', passed and exchanged signals with steamship *Evening Star*, bound south.

AFFAIRS AT PORT HUDSON.

The Port Hudson *Freeman*, of July 21, contains the following paragraphs:

A Post-office for this command will be opened today near the headquarters of Brig.-Gen. ANDREWS, commanding post.

Two soldiers have died in this place lately, afflicted with diphtheria.

The water in the Mississippi is two feet higher than it was a week ago.

The steamer Fenenge, from Memphis, arrived at this port last evening. She brought with her a flat laden with coal.

The steamer *Lemora*, from Vicksburgh, brought 1,500 bales of hay to this port last evening.

More cannon, we understand, have been dismounted inside of the recent rebel works at this place.

The steamer *North America*, from New-Orleans, arrived at this port yesterday morning. She brought that long-looked-for individual, Paymaster James B. LONGACRE, and Assistant Paymaster EDWARD S. BUTTS.

During the past week more rebel cavalry has been captured. Another dead rebel who had been buried lately, so the head-board indicated, has the Lot's wife, turned detail. Articles in the shape of Quartermaster's blank books, lead pencils and pen-holders were in the box.

The steamers Volunteer, Capt. TWOMBLY SHURAM, and *Modoc*, Capt. A. DOTIS, landed here on Saturday afternoon on their way down the river. They came from Natchez, and were freighted with beef cattle, the former having 225, and the latter 150 head on board.

A large drove of cattle, some nine hundred, arrived here by steamboat from Natchez Wednesday evening last. They were portion of a drove of 7,000 recently passed from Texas, while being driven from this State to Mississippi.

Two more river packets, by the capture of Port Hudson, fell into our hands—the *Red Chief*, No. 1, and *Star Light*. They had been moored up Tunica or Creek for safety, and on Thursday morning last were towed out. Both are in good order, and that much-abused individual, Uncle SAM, has plenty of use for them.

On Saturday afternoon of last week the steamers *Iberville* and *Imperial* started on a trip up the river, with Gen. GANSEVOORT's cavalry on board. The daring raid made by his troops must have place in still fresh in the minds of our readers. They have also rendered efficient aid in the reduction of Port Hudson. Capt. HOLCOMB's Second Vermont Battery, Brig.-Gen. ELLIS's of thirty-five guns, and the Fifteenth Massachusetts regimental band played some national airs as they departed.

A portion of the Fifteenth regiment Massachusetts Volunteers, consisting of Company C, Capt. D. W. GRAVES; Company D, Capt. J. D. WARD, and Company H, Lieut. ABBOTT, were detailed for not yet known number under Capt. WEBSTER, assisted by Capt. WARD and Lieut. UNDERWOOD of Company A, acting as Adjutant, to proceed to Red River Landing, Vandalia, and Natchez, with a portion of the rebel paroled prisoners who were surrendered to Maj.-Gen. BANKS at this place, consisting of Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi troops, numbering about 1,100 men. On Tuesday of last week they embarked on the United States transport *St. Mary*, Capt. TALBOT, and arrived at Red River Landing about dark, where they "tied up" for the night, and proceeded on their way the next morning, reaching Vandalia and Natchez at noon. On the way out they passed several gunboats and steamers. On arriving at Natchez they found it garrisoned by Gen. BANNON's brigade, who had taken possession of the place within a short time, capturing seven hundred head of cattle and two hundred thousand rounds of ammunition.

At Natchez they saw some half-dozen river steamers, among them the *Dunmary*, *Sunny South*, *Imperial* and *Fleetwood*. After discharging the remainder of the prisoners they immediately started on their return to Port Hudson. The officers tendered their thanks to Capt. TALBOT and Assistants of the *St. Mary* for the gentlemanly courtesy extended to them during the trip.

PROVOST-MARSHAL'S OFFICE, Port Hudson, July 14, 1863.

CIRCULAR.—The Commanding General directs, that hereafter no citizens will be allowed to enter our lines under any circumstances whatever, that all citizens now within our lines be given forty-eight hours from July 15, 1863, to decide whether they will depart beyond our lines, or remain within them unconditionally. After July 25, no citizen will be permitted to go beyond our lines under any circumstances.

All enlisted men of the Confederate Army, who having been paroled, return to our lines, will be sent under guard to the Provost-Marshal, who will send them under guard to the Provost-Marshal at New-Orleans.

T. A. CHICKERING,
Colonel 31 Mass. Vols., Provost-Marshal.

THE CAPTURE OF THE PRIZE STEAMER WM. BAGALEY.

From the New-Orleans Era, July 26.

We are indebted to United States Prize Commissioner HALL for the following interesting account of the recent and valuable capture of the past of Mobile:

On the night of the 17th-18th inst., the steamers *James Battle* and *Wm. Bagaley* attempted to run the blockade of this port, to Mobile. They passed safely under the land to eastward.

The United States steam-sloop *Oneida*, under command of Jesse F. GARDNER, Captain and senior officer of the Third division of the Blockading Squadron, gave chase. The *Kineo* and the *Kennebec* also stood in chase. Afterward another steamer was discovered on the port bow, standing toward the Oneida, after which she stood toward the chased vessels, and proved to be the United States steamer *De Soto*. Having greater speed, she captured the *James Battle*, and placed her in charge of a prize crew, to be sent to New-Orleans for adjudication in the United States District Court held here. She has not yet arrived. Her cargo is very valuable, and consists of cotton and resin.

The *Oneida* continued in chase of the *James Battle*, signalizing the *Kennebec* to accompany. At sundown, on the 18th, her hull was in view, and at 11 o'clock P. M. the *Oneida* fired a gun at the *Kennebec*, by which she knew it and stood for the *Oneida*. The *Kennebec* was the first to send a boat to board her, but the prize was claimed by the *Oneida*. Capt. GILLIS placed her under charge of C. C. BARRIS, as prize master, who arrived in this city yesterday. She will be taken in charge this morning by the Prize Commissioner, who will turn her over to JAMES HAGAN, Esq., the United States Marshal.

Capt. CHARLES FINNY, of the *Jenny Magoun*, was yesterday examined before Commissioner HALL. His vessel contained 700 bales of cotton—194 bales having been thrown overboard in the chase. There were also large quantities of staves and turpentine on board, the turpentine, however, was thrown over.

Capt. FINNY proved to be an old acquaintance of Capt. GILLIS, in the seafaring line. He seems to take unless with philosophic good nature, and has been treated very agreeable by his Yankee captors. The captured vessel was bound to Havana.

Much praise is due to Capt. GILLIS, of the *Oneida*, and his officers and crew, as also to the officers and crew of the *De Soto*, the *Arcostook* and the *Kennebec*, for their unremitting vigilance in the pursuit.

FROM UP THE RIVER.

From the New-Orleans Era, July 31.

The steamer Omaha, Capt. RICHARDS, arrived yesterday afternoon from Vicksburgh, which place she left on the 21st inst., with 200 sick and wounded rebel soldiers, bound to Mobile.

Capt. RICHARDS informs us that Gen. U. S. GRANT still holds his headquarters at Vicksburgh, Gen. LOGAN commanding the post and Gen. McPHERSON the troops in garrison.

A fleet of boats arrived at Vicksburgh on the night of the 21st from Yazoo, but Capt. RICHARDS learned no particulars of their voyage.

The steamer *Imperial*, hence for St. Louis, arrived at Vicksburgh on the 21st, and proceeded on her voyage.

The steamers *J. H. Dickerson*, *South Western*, *Silver Wave*, *E. W. Kenney* and *Iberville* were at Vicksburgh. Steamers *Lady Gray*, *Commodore*, *Forest Queen* and *Gladiator* were at Natchez.

MILITARY ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS ARMY CORPS, BATON ROUGE BURGAN, June 18, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 145.—[Extract.]—[illegible] Provost-Court of the Department of the Gulf.

By command of Maj.-Gen. BANKS:
RICHARD B. LEWIS, A. A. General.

HEADQUARTERS DEFENCE OF NEW-ORLEANS, NEW-ORLEANS, July 28, 1863.

Brig.-Gen. MORGAN, Commanding:

The General Commanding directs that you instruct your pickets to allow all market boats with vegetables and food of every kind, to pass into the city and return unmolested.

I am, General, very respectfully, your most obedient servant, DUNCAN S. WALKER,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

MAILS ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, August 1.

In reply to an inquiry of the Post-office Department, Special Agent GIST, of Memphis, says he has conferred with Capt. PARTRIDGE, Commandant of the Navy-yard, and Capt. LEWIS, Assistant Quartermaster of Transportation, and they both concur with him that it will be safe and expedient to send the Washington and New-York mails to New-Orleans, via the Mississippi River. Arrangements have been made for a convoy, at least once a week, from Vicksburgh to New-Orleans, and convoys can be more frequent when required by the necessities of trade or public interest. The Postmaster-General, however, does not feel himself exactly justified, at present, in ordering this service. But if correspondents wish their letters to go to New-Orleans by way of Cairo, they can make their indorsements upon them accordingly, and they will be sent at the risk of the writers.

FROM THE PACIFIC.

News from China, Japan, the Sandwich Islands and Mexico—French Troops Expected at Acapulco, &c.

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, July 30.

The ship *Black Prince*, from Hong Kong June 9, has arrived, bringing 300 Chinese passengers.

The American steamer *Jamestown* arrived at Macao on the 24 of June. All on board of her were well.

The ship *Don Quixote* arrived at Hong Kong on the 22 of June.

The China news is unimportant.

The latest news received at Hong Kong from Japan, stated that war with France and England was certain.

The Japanese are represented as being much better prepared for war than has been supposed.

Dates are received from the Sandwich Islands to July 4.

The American Commissioner, McBride, had entered on his official duties.

The Volcano near Shilo was again in action, throwing out immense streams of molten l

AFFAIRS IN UTAH.

Interesting Report of Gen. Conner to the War Department.

WASHINGTON, Monday, July 27.

The following interesting report from Gen. CONNER has been received at the headquarters of the Army of the United States:

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF UTAH, CAMP FRANKLIN (NEAR FRANKLIN), JUNE 1, 1863.

GENERAL: I have the honor to report for the information of the General commanding the Department that on the 5th of May last, Company M, Third Infantry, under Brevet-Major Cpt. BEACH, left this post, pursuant to my order, for the Cache and Bear River, Soda Springs, Port Hall and Marsh Valleys, for a point at or near the great bend of Bear River, known as Soda Springs, Idaho Territory, for the purpose of establishing a new road by the shortest route to the settlements of Oregon, California, and the Pacific Territories.

Accompanying this expedition and under its protection were a large number of persons herein-after mentioned of this Territory, secondly (under the leadership of Morrisites) from the Mormon Church. Many of these, or all of them, having been robbed by the continued persecutions of the Mormons to the most abject poverty, have for some time past claimed and received the protection of the forces under my command.

Prudential reasons, anything as well in this case as in the Territories themselves, induced me to order that they should be removed from the vicinity of this camp, and beyond the civil influences and powers of the Mormon hierarchy.

Regarding the expedition to Soda Springs, Idaho Territory, as presenting a favorable opportunity for this purpose, I ordered transportation to be provided for the most indigent, and the distribution of provisions to the destitute, both en route and after arrival at the new post, until such time as by industry and well-directed effort, these improvident and persecuted people should be able to support themselves. Some of them were able to furnish their own teams and wagons. Most of them gathered up their household goods, and provided themselves with a supply of provisions for their sustenance. They numbered in all 100 souls, composed of 49 families, 7 single men and 4 widows. On the next day, May 6, I followed with Company H, Second cavalry, California Volunteers, Lieut. CLARK commanding, and overtook the main train, and infantry 25 miles north of this city. Proceeding thence by easy marches of from fifteen to twenty miles per day, along the eastern shores of Great Salt Lake, the entire command arrived at Brigham City (or Box Elder) sixty miles north, May 8. Here leaving the infantry and train to proceed by the old beaten road through Cache and March Valleys and across the mountains old Publett's Cut-off, I took the cavalry by a less frequented road, crossing Bear River, at the lower ferry, thence up the plateau, lying between the Malade and Bear Rivers, over the mountains, dividing the waters of the Great Basin from those of the Snake and Columbia Rivers, thence down the westerly side of the March Valley, crossing Port Neuuf River north of Sublett's Cut-off, and down the east and right bank of that river to Snake River Ferry, a distance of 200 miles from this post, arriving at this point May 13. Our general course to the ferry was a little east of due north, passing through a series of valleys with water, and with slight timber along the streams and on the mountain sides.

The luxuriant vegetation at this early season of the year, furnishing good grass for the animals, as well as the evidences of last year's growth, bespoke the fertility of the soil, and its adaptation to agriculture. This remark more especially applies to March Valley, lying due north of and adjoining Cache Valley, the latter being already thickly settled by Mormons, whose most northerly settlements extend within fifty or twenty miles of the first mentioned valley, the Bear River and a low ridge dividing the two valleys.

After leaving Brigham City, the command performed two night marches, the first of twelve and the second of thirty-five miles, as I had reason to believe that wandering bands of hostile savages, remnants of the Shoshones engaged or connected with those who took part in the battle of Bear River, (January 29, last,) were in the neighborhood, and sought the surprise and capture of emigrants and settlers. In this expectation, however, we were disappointed, few, if any traces of Indians being found, and therefore on the command proceeded by daily marches. In Port Neuuf Valley we came across two lodges of Indians, (Shoshones,) who came unhesitatingly into camp with their squaws, satisfactorily answered all questions propounded, and gave evidence of a friendly disposition toward the whites, enabling them to understand the determination of the Government to punish all bad Indians summarily, and receiving assurances of future good conduct on their part, I passed on without molesting these Indians.

At Snake River Ferry were several large trains of emigrants bound North to the mines, and were recruiting their animals. Here also was an encampment of Shoshone (or Snake) Indians, numbering in all, including those who came in the next day, 250 or 300. They were all mounted and had grazing in the vicinity a considerable number of stock. These Indians were, reliably represented to me as friendly and peaceable, and as having lived at the ferry during the last Winter.

Being accompanied by Judge Derr, Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Utah, a conference was held with the Indians on the night of our arrival, which was attended by the chiefs, old and young men, and squaws. Through an interpreter many questions were asked as to the locality of the hostile chiefs and their bands, and the power of the Government was duly explained to them. They were informed that the troops had been sent to this region to protect good Indians and whites, and equally to punish bad Indians and bad whites; that it was my determination to visit the most summary punishment—even to extermination—on Indians who committed depredations upon the whites present or in transit in this section. They were also informed that if bad whites trespassed upon their rights, the report of the facts to me or my officers would be followed by punishment upon the malefactors, and a prompt remedy of all grievances to the extent of my power. After the customary smoke with the chiefs, and a grand dance by men and squaws, I ordered the distribution of a small quantity of bacon, flour and sugar. The conference was satisfactory, and the exhibition of my force in that far-off region, as well as my late march through a country rarely traversed by whites, have had a good effect.

I learned from Sam Pocatello, the great chief of the hostile Shoshones, had gone a long distance off on the Lower Snake, probably in the vicinity of Humboldt, and that SAGWITCH, one of the leaders, who escaped wounded from the battle of Bear River, was somewhere in the South near the Mormon settlements, near Cache Valley, and WAHWEAH was still farther South.

The Snake River region at this ferry is a dry, barren and sandy plain, the road to the ferry being exceedingly heavy and difficult to travel. Grass of tolerable quality and quantity is to be found several miles to the eastward on the Blackfoot Creek, which here empties into the Snake, after running for thirty miles parallel with the river and not far from it. The Snake here is a rapid stream, two hundred and fifty yards in width, and at this season is twenty feet in depth, and is seldom or never fordable at this point. Beyond and to the northward the plain extends to a high range of mountains. There is high "butter" in the midst of the plain form a conspicuous landmark. The distance from Soda Springs to this ferry, old Bridger and Fort Hall Emigrant Road, is upward of 70 miles, pursuing a northwesterly course. Emigrants from the East, on this road, for the new mines, leaving the ferry, travel up Snake River in nearly an easterly direction about 10 miles, to a point nearly due north of Soda Springs, along two sides of a triangle, either of which is 70 miles long, a distance of 140 miles.

The infantry, with the artillery, but yet having arrived, detachments under Lieuts. BRADLEY and UPTON were dispatched North and South to explore the country and find a route for a wagon road to the settlement in Cache Valley, and to report on the character of the country explored.

On the 20th Company H, Third infantry, after a long and tedious trip, accompanied by their charge, the settlers for the new town, arrived at a place where a suitable spot was selected on the north bank of the Bear River, near the Great Bend, and four miles east of where the Soda Springs Valley opens into Old Cache Valley, and striking Bear River 70 miles above and east of the present ferry.

At this point a ferry has been established, and is a short time a good boat will be in running order.

With the main body of the cavalry train, I left the Blackfoot, about 40 miles east of the ferry, and, pursuing a southeasterly course across the divide on a good natural road, arrived at Soda Springs on the 27th of May, passing through large and fertile valleys lying along Rose Fork of Snake River and the north branch of Port Neuuf. We had the design of finding a practicable route of a wagon road through some gap in the mountains, whereby a more direct course could be made. I sent Lieut. CLARKE with a detachment of twenty-five men and five days' rations, with orders to cross the Blackfoot near its source, at the base of the Fort Hills, and proceeding on the Snake River 60 or 70 miles, turn to the south, and, if not such a pass, and join the command at Soda Springs. He was unfortunately unsuccessful. A good pass for a road along the base of the triangle before mentioned was found. The latter is some 20 miles in length and 10 in breadth. The site was surveyed, immediately east of the spring, as was also one mile square for a military reservation adjoining, so that east of the town site, in latitude about 42½ north, longitude 111½ west. The water is good and abundant, as well from the river as from numerous mountain streams, and easily diverted for purposes of irrigation.

Back of the town and north, wood for fuel in abundance, while on the opposite side of the river timber of large growth, suitable for building purposes, is found at a distance of less than two miles.

The soil, judging from the growth of the native grasses till the appearance of the ground, is exceedingly productive, and the mining of valuable ores, the shortness of the season, and the altitude of the place alone, render this at all doubtful. The settlers have already erected building lots of fair size, and proceeded immediately to the erection of shelters for themselves and families.

After remaining at this point for six days, establishing the military at the new post, and footing to the present and immediate future wants of the settlers, on the 26th of May I returned to this post via the Mormon settlements in Cache Valley.

The explorations above referred to satisfied me of the fertility of the country surrounding Soda Springs, and of the entire practicability of making, at a small expense of labor, a good wagon road from the northern settlements of Cache Valley to Soda Springs, at or near the base of the mountains, and thence northerly along the western bank of Bear River to Soda Springs.

This road will be much more direct than the old road traveled by the infantry, namely, and the distance only be reduced from 140 miles, as at present, to about 150 or 160 miles.

This road commencing with the new road explored by Lieut. CLARKE, north from Soda Springs to Bannock City, will render the distance from the latter place to this point not more than 250 miles.

The new road north from Soda Springs to Snake River will shorten the route of emigrants from the Bear River Valley to Boise River, Idaho Territory, as present a route well watered and furnishing good feed for animals, with an abundance of wood.

The expedition has traveling in a direct line about 600 miles, and has traversed a region never before trodden by the footsteps of civilized man, and consisting which only the most vague rumors could have been heard.

Before leaving Soda Springs, I sent a detachment of twenty men over the mountains to pass through Bear Lake Valley, in hopes of finding the band of Bannocks supposed to be roaming in that direction. The detachment was unsuccessful in its object, not it joined the command a few days after at Fremont's, the most northern settlement in Cache Valley, having thoroughly searched the region through which it passed.

In this connection I may add, having occasion to send an empty train to Carson for Quartermaster's stores, I furnished to 130 Morrisites transportation to that point, and they have already arrived safe at their destination.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

P. EDWARD CONNER,

Brigadier-General, U. S. Volunteers,

Commanding District.

Lieut.-Col. R. C. DRUM, Assistant Adjutant-General, U. S. Army, Department of the Pacific, San Francisco, Cal.

The Fourth in Salt Lake City—The Indians—Miscellaneous News.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

GREAT SALT LAKE CITY, Wednesday, July 15, 1863.

Although there was no public demonstration in the heated streets or halls of Salt Lake City on the "Fourth," yet the same non-observance of the nation's birthday was not visible in the country, for, North and South, processions, music, speeches, toasts, dances, feasts, and all the common outward and visible signs of the usual holiday were religiously presented to view, exhibiting the peculiar shades of Utah loyalty. Perhaps the characteristic dullness of the little country settlements could ill afford to ignore so grand a chance for change and rural display and demonstration as the memorable day in question annually brings us. The Gentile folks were severely inclined to the facetious, and must vent their sarcasm of certain Federal officials in the two following toasts:

"Ex-Gov. HARDING—He was and is not. From nothing take nothing, and nothing remains."

"Hon. JOHN F. KINNEY, the late Judiciary of Utah. Devoted thus far (one and two cyphers.) The one is taken and the two ciphers left."

It will be seen that the authors of the above toasts were far too plain-spoken and personal to be very delicate in the utterance of their opinions.

The freight train and escort dispatched with baggage and Morrisites from Camp Douglas to Soda Springs a month ago, returned on Thursday, having been twenty days on the route.

Gov. DERR and Gen. CONNER have gone southward to visit the Utes and neighboring bands of Indians at Spanish Fork, with the view of clearing up difficulties, having a pow-wow and smoking the pipe of peace. It is to be hoped that success will attend their efforts and prosperity follow.

Some such visit is sadly needed on the Western mail route, as life and property are still far from secure. But a week ago five persons were killed by the bloodthirsty savages at Canon Station, near Deep Creek, not 200 miles hence. The Indians attacked the station, and burned it, shooting the Keeper, William RILEY, formerly resident of Provo City, and burning his body. And shooting four soldiers. They were in the stable, and three of them were there wounded. They took horses and fled, two of them reached two hundred yards and fell, a third three hundred, the fourth reached Willow Station, by the aid of some emigrants, but there died. Five horses were burned, two killed, and one driven off. The man who hauled water for the Station, with three soldiers, who were off for a load of that indispensable liquid, being detained a little by breakage, or some other accident, happily escaped massacre, as they discovered the flames of the burning station at a distance, and did not approach, but escaped to Deep Creek.

The Volunteers in that vicinity immediately gathered toward the scene, with a view to chastise the depredators, who will need to look spry if they escape signal punishment.

Perhaps the continued failure of the troops to insure peace and security on the Western route, will convince those in authority of the possible advantage of an army at the peaks and treaty policy. For it is not pleasant to think that at any unguarded moment, the midnight or in a station, or half a dozen civilians or troops may be suddenly swept down upon and destroyed, almost before help can be thought of. At any rate, something efficient and satisfactory should be done. What harm would there be in treating with these Indians, with the view of removing them to some reservation sufficiently distant from this great central continental thoroughfare, and thus rid it of such a potent but murderous relic? It might prove most economical in the end.

On Saturday and Sunday, BANNAN and other high ecclesiastics were out on another preaching expedition. This time they went to Ogden, forty miles north. Of course there was a good time, and all the "brethren and sisters" feel counterfeitly strengthened by this.

Mr. LYNE's two professional dramatic entertainments appear to have stirred up the local stars to shine a brief space during this dullest month. Messrs. MASSETT'S, DEWAINE and DUNBAR, who with another name, constitute the strength of the city's amateur low comedians, have been giving a couple of entertainments, or "concerts," consisting of comic songs and scenes, not the least attraction consisting of the force of the "Rough Diamond." Tickets, reserved seats, 75 cents; other seats 50 cents. Pay, cash, store orders or produce at cash prices.

For the past week or two, several fires have been burning in the cañons—in City Creek, Mill Creek, Big Cotton Wood, and several others. Whether originating in carelessness or evil design, does not appear. But they are disastrous, as considerable wood will inevitably be consumed at this dry season, and Salt Lake City and its immediate environs are by no means well supplied with fuel.

Flour can now be obtained in this city for 2½ to 3 cents per pound, for cash. This price cannot last long, for emigrants themselves state that there are sufficient wanderers on the road to eat up all the spare provisions in this Territory. Again, BANNAN has preached to the farmers to cease raising wheat, wheat, wheat, and to take in hand to build. Many will probably adhere to this teaching—have so adhered the past seed-time. This will materially lessen the gross amount raised. Thirdly, the crop the present season, owing to the drouth and the scarcity of snow in the mountains, will be scanty in many places. At least there is much grumbling now in that direction. Further, unless the war be settled in the interim, which is somewhat problematical, the Westward tide of emigration may be expected to increase rather than diminish annually. Putting all these things together for consideration, I shall not be surprised if necessarily be comparatively scarce and dear in this city in the early part of 1864. Parties intending to emigrate next year toward the Pacific, and all other persons interested, can take the above considerations into account.

Horrible Tragedy in California.

PARENTS DESTROY THEIR CHILD AND COMMITTED SUICIDE.

A horrible tragedy occurred in San Francisco on the 24 inst., resulting in the death of Dr. Gideon W. Burns, with his wife and child, a little girl ten years of age. Burns and his family occupied rooms on the corner of Stockton and Geary streets, and the house having been unusually quiet during the day, the landlady called about 7 o'clock in the evening, when she was shocked at finding the parents lying dead in the front, and the little girl in the adjoining room.

On making an examination, it would appear that the parents, having resolved on suicide, had administered strychnine to their child, and the mother, at the same time or subsequently, took a similar dose of the poison. From investigation, it was also apparent that the father, to end the sufferings of his child, or stifle her cries, had taken an iron weight, usually attached to window-pulleys, and fractured her skull; there was an apparent that the mother had been tied in putting an end to the child's suffering, there being similar marks about her head and the pillow being saturated with blood.

The husband and father then dressing himself up, armed with his usual weapons, carried a pocket surgical case, severed the artery at the wrist of his right arm, and holding it over the vessel placed at the side, literally bled to death, the ordinary sized bucket being nearly filled.

Upon examination by the Coroner, Dr. SHELDON, among other things, were found the following letters, written by the deceased just before the commission of the terrible act. The first, which is addressed to the parties who keep the house, is as follows:

MR. AND MRS. BARNY: Please take charge of all our effects, and if there be any rent owing, take what do so, and we will pay you. We may have some friends in Sacramento to see to Mrs. JULIA F. DOUGLAS, Brooklyn, L. I., N. Y. State. I am feeling that my wife is failing, so we have concluded to end our sufferings together, rather than leave her to be a burden to strangers. Yours, GEO. W. BURNS.

Also to keep the writing-desk, and turn the letters and all the letter under this address to destination.

The following is the letter referred to:

DR. F. TOURNE: Doctor, will you please send the enclosed to the destination on the last part of it. Yours, GEO. W. BURNS.

The letter inclosed was addressed to Mrs. JULIA C. DOUGLAS, Brooklyn, N. Y., and is as follows:

MY DEAR WIFE'S MOTHER: I take your daughter with me, rather than to see her die by inches, as her father did, before my eyes. Forgive me sin, for we have suffered much for each other's sake.

GEORGE W. BURNS.

The last heard from those parties in the other documents of the house, was about 12 o'clock on Wednesday night. As they lived rather secluded, maintaining but little intercourse with others, and their room never being open to receive visitors before a late hour in the afternoon, but little was thought of the quiet behind, until the discovery was made in the morning as stated.

It is said that mortification at his ill success in three lectures which he advertised, combined with evident want and destitution, was the exciting cause of this horrible act.

THE WAR IN MISSISSIPPI.

Interesting Particulars of the Occupation of Jackson.

From the Memphis Bulletin, July 23.

We received last evening information of a very interesting nature from our reporter, just returned from Jackson, who was present during the proceedings attending the occupation of that place. From him we learn that on Thursday, the 9th, Gen. PARKE made an advance on the enemy's works. After proceeding some four hundred yards, he was opposed by the South Carolina legion, or regiment. These men had never before been under fire. After an engagement of three-quarters of an hour they ran, having lost three hundred men killed. After night set in the rebels had a band of music on their works, which played and sang old Union tunes, very peculiarly offensive to invaders. When day broke in the morning, it was found the rebel pickets had been withdrawn.

Many of our soldiers crept up to the work and reconnoitered that during the night JOHNSTON and his men had evacuated the place. Soon other soldiers hurried up, and a scene of plunder and destruction took place. It was put an end to by Gen. BLAIR'S division entering the town and restoring order. In quite a few hours, it is said, the evacuation began at 5 o'clock, the preceding evening, and was completed before day.

The rebel army left but little behind—a very fine columbiad gun, and some artillery, ammunition, &c., was nearly all. Some very fine English and German ammunition was found trampled down in the streets, and some of the newly-invented German phosphoric explosive musket balls were also discovered. Fifty or sixty dwellings were burned by the enemy. During the fight a large fire had sprung up in town. It became evident from investigation that the flames were not the result of Federal shells, but that ten or twelve stores containing commissary goods which could not be carried away had been set on fire, and the conflagration spread, until fifty or sixty houses were consumed. This destruction, added to what occurred on the previous occupation of the place by Federal troops some weeks ago, left Jackson but a poor wreck, looking little like the capital of a great State. So deliberately did the rebel army leave the place, that they took all their sick with them. Very few people were found in the place, and most of them foreigners. Some prisoners taken asserted that JOHNSTON had never intended to defend the works, which, on inspection, turned out to be much more complete and formidable than had been supposed. Omens said he would have stood a siege, but a very small force would be sufficient to the number of Federal troops, and intelligence had been received that a heavy force was advancing in front them.

The late news of the fall of Port Hudson, and the retreat of BRAGG and LEE, had produced a marked effect on JOHNSTON'S army, which was much disheartened and discouraged in consequence, and openly declared that the Confederacy was gone up.

Our informant visited the headquarters of Gen. JOHNSTON, and found the chief prostrate in an obscured where no shot could strike or shell penetrate. Some prisoners said this fact was characteristic of the man—that he has a marvelous faculty in finding out safe spots. After the place was in Gen. SHERMAN'S hands, hundreds of deserters from the rebel army began to pour in. They said the struggle was no longer a hopeful one; that there was no chance of success remaining, and they were glad to get to the Federal army, and would fight against the old flag no longer.

In the afternoon of the day on which the place was taken possession, (Friday,) Gen. BRAGG sent out cavalry with orders to destroy railways, bridges and culverts, so as to intercept communications. Troops that left with JOHNSTON are expected in join BRAGG.

People in the country around were loud in their professions that they had been opposed to this thing in 60 or 61, and had only been forced to do with it, only to live quietly; that they had been pushed into it against their will, and only wished they had Jeff. DAVIS and his conductors to deal with; that they believed that if our soldiers would not pillage and burn, quite a strong Union sentiment would be exhibited; all of which may be taken with allowance. Jeff. DAVIS they accused of being jilted of his property defending his own State and his neighborhood. Tennessee they cursed liberally, as a traitor unworthy of a confederate, and that he had forced it in his ability.

The Federal loss in the various skirmishes and assaults that had taken place amounted to 800 men. Citizens said there had been much sickness during the Summer months among the troops there. In the fields around there were hundreds upon hundreds of graves, made principally since May last.

When JOHNSTON left Jackson he took away with him between fifty and sixty pieces of artillery. Many of them were old and not fit to use.

At Vicksburgh the Federal works are being leveled, and they are fortifications not into more perfect condition than they were. A number of the finest guns are being mounted, and the place will be held as a first-class military fortification.

Jeff. DAVIS' house has been overhauled by some of our soldiers. Among other things found there, were letters showing that the conspiracy to disrupt the Union had been in existence years before the election of Mr. LINCOLN. Letters from Presidents BUCHANAN and PIERCE were discovered. They showed no small amount of obsequiousness toward the mighty Jeff.

THE WAR IN LOUISIANA.

Particulars of the Disaster near Donaldsonville—Items from New-Orleans.

Correspondence of the Boston Traveller.

NEW-ORLEANS, Saturday, July 18, 1863.

I have at length been able to obtain the particulars of the repulse on the Lafourche the 13th.

Gen. GARVER, with his division, was on the left bank of the bayou, Gen. WEITZEL, with Gen. AUGUR'S division and his own old brigade, on the right. Col. MOSEBY, of the Nineteenth New-York, commanded the advance brigade of Gen. GARVER'S division, and Col. DUDLEY, of the Twelfth Massachusetts, that of Gen. WEITZEL'S.

Neither was to advance before the other, and each was to support the other if either were attacked.

The Lafourche is a bayou running out of the Mississippi at Donaldsonville—in high water navigable for large steamboats. It has strong levees on each side. Now that the river is low it has but little current, and is a small stream, though so muddy that it is not easily forded. On the morning of the 13th, Col. MOSEBY, for some unaccountable reason, being about five miles from Donaldsonville and just up with DUDLEY, fell back three-fourths of a mile, without giving Col. DUDLEY any notice of his action.

The rebels, who were known to be immediately in front with a large force on each side of the bayou, seeing MOSEBY fall back, thought they were across DUDLEY and his whole brigade. They kept perfectly quiet till the men were all engaged eating their breakfasts, when they made simultaneously a vigorous charge in front and on the right flank. Their artillery was also brought into requisition at the same time. Our previous guard was not but a short distance, and the time from their signal till the enemy was upon the One Hundred and Sixty-first New-York, was hardly sufficient to turn round. Importantly taken by surprise, this regiment did not show as much coolness as a well disciplined regiment did.

Some of their left their guns, and sought safety in flight, and thereby caused quite a panic to the remainder of the brigade. This whole regiment withdrew in great disorder, and left the First Maine battery to its own fate. It was captured by the enemy, and rounded by some of the One Hundred and Sixteenth New-York, who, thinking it would be a good plan, loaded the guns and opened on the enemy, who, again charging on it, either killed, wounded or made prisoners of all about it, and carried off again two pieces.

In the meantime Col. DUDLEY had got his brigade into order, but was severely galled by the enemy's fire, when Gen. WEITZEL rode up, and seeing where they were, hastily changed the position of the brigade, while another was marching to its support. The enemy seeing that it was time to get, went. Our loss, entirely in DUDLEY'S brigade, was 317 *hors de combat*. Col. MOSEBY is now under arrest to answer for his conduct. Our forces, after the fight, fell back about two miles toward Donaldsonville.

The enemy could not have had a thousand men in the fight. Our regiments engaged were the One Hundred and Sixty-first and One Hundred and Sixteenth New-York, Twelfth Massachusetts, and Second Lieut. Annexed very small. Since this fight, our forces there have been reinforced and will try and march down the bayou. Rumor makes the rebel force very large—here I think is not probable, 10,000 is a high figure. They are very poorly organized, and their subsistence and Quartermasters' departments are in a very bad way.

At noon of the 16th the river steamer *Imperial*, from St. Louis on the 23d of June, and Vicksburgh on the 13 or 14 July, arrived at the Fourth Massachusetts, at Fort Hudson, I understand. Their time is now expired.

Gen. AUGUR is in the city, sick.

The Ninth Michigan infantry has just been made heavy artillery. So now there is not a single Western infantry regiment. The Ninth Michigan and Twenty-first Indiana are heavy artillery, and the Seventh Illinois and Fourth Wisconsin cavalry. They are all mounted.

Gen. ARNAUD, Chief of Gen. BANKS' Staff, is in command at Port Hudson. Capt. HOBART, of the Seventh Vermont Battery, is Chief of Ordnance, and will "let out his part" always.

On the 16th, 200 prisoners, who reside in and about New-Orleans, arrived here on a steamer. They were very quiet, and very soon divested themselves of their badges of secession. On the same day Gen. BANKS in person arrived, having at his out his long journey visited no one or place on the way, indeed to the exhibition of the United States authorities.

REBEL ACCOUNTS FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

From the Army of Tennessee.

Special Correspondence of the Mobile Register.

CHATTANOOGA, Monday, June 29, 1863.

The early reports which came up from the front deceived me as to the recapture of the lost Gaps. They were not recaptured by our troops. On the contrary, during Thursday and Friday sharp skirmishing was going forward in the neighborhood of Beech Grove and Fairfield. The object was to cover our retreat. We entirely succeeded. Days and nights, officers and men, and retreated slowly before dawn on Saturday, after three days and nights of privation and disasters.

The retrograde from the defences along our right prepared and anticipated the withdrawal of our forces from Shelbyville, Warrenton and other positions on the left. The retreat here was conducted in a less orderly manner than one would have expected. The cavalry, unfortunately, in the instance, Gen. WARREN, commanding, did all he could, but he was not seconded with the ground, and the confusion grew not only painful but alarming. We lost many men, killed, wounded and captured, in a heavy skirmish which occurred in the streets of Shelbyville. Others were drowned in endeavoring to swim the swollen fordless creek. And, in brief, the rear of the army here did not maintain its reputation.

As yet our casualties are not known, nor the amount of stores, munitions of war, destroyed; but the figures will mount high, I very much fear.

The enemy occupied Shelbyville on Saturday afternoon. Warrenton was entered in the morning, about nine o'clock. Beech Grove, Fairfield, and the entire line of the Garrison Fork, were possessed front and after Friday. They burned many handsome dwellings in their advance, including the residences of Mr. PRICE and Mr. RIVES, between Beech Grove and Fairfield. A Yankee prisoner, in a private conversation with some of our officers, said it was ROSECRANS'S determination to cut us and to all the cross in his march. "Defeated or victorious," he added, "we will leave you without food." Thus far their programme has been carried out in spirit and in letter.

There were no demonstrations of satisfaction whatever on the part of the citizens, and no regret at our departure. The inference is that few sympathizers with the Federals are left. Of late little has been seen or heard of such men.

Gen. HARDEE particularly distinguished himself during these operations, for energy, courage and skill.

Another correspondent of the *Register* writes:

"Of Old Moulder, the Yankees, we was drawn up in line of battle to receive them. We made possibly the cause of the rain, which poured in torrents both days. The enemy as well as we, must have suffered terribly. Fighting is going on all around by the opposing forces of cavalry.

"Johnson is in the middle with a division of 10,000 men, and is dazzling all eyes with the wonderous brilliancy of his movements. His defence of the railroad—without which we should be lost—has been an signal as to call forth the unanimous admiration of the whole army. Gen. BRAGG, I learn, pronounces it to be equal to any thing on record. Although weak, Forrest is as active as ever—full of fire, energy and prompt vigilance and adroit skill.

On Sunday night there was a sharp fight at Duchard. Capt. HOUSE, of the Second Tennessee, with a force of 22 men, kept a force of 1,500 Federals at bay for two hours. It was dark, and he managed to conceal his position with effect. They brought their artillery to bear upon him at length, and he retired; but they were so badly frightened that they did not remain long enough to do any damage, except to burn the depot and a cake-shop hard by. They then dashed off rapidly, no doubt fearing the arrival of reinforcements from Tullahoma, fourteen miles below.

Monday afternoon, while on a reconnoissance, the gallant Col. BRAGG, commanding a brigade of cavalry, received a mortal wound in the bowels.

JOHN MORGAN is expected to do 'some deed' or other, but what it is nobody knows. Indeed, at the present moment his movements are a perfect enigma."

How the Fall of Vicksburgh is Regarded in Mobile.

The Mobile Tribune remarks upon the capitulation of Vicksburgh as follows:

"The public anxiety, so far as the fate of Vicksburgh is concerned, is over. The garrison encountered an enemy, to which human courage can not stand. It was starved into submission. Gen. PEMBERTON has made good the heroic words which he uttered in the beginning of the siege. He and his soldiers deserve the plaudits of the people of the Confederacy. But it is impossible, while according this honor, to understand the apparently unwise forethought which accumulated only provisions for less than a two-months' siege. It is quite probable that the movement of GRANT was a surprise. No one in authority expected it; and yet, weeks before it was made it had been fully explained and published in the Northern papers. Gen. JOHNSTON was sent to Jackson with a haste which implied a surprise. His army was improvised. It had nothing to move with. What was essential to it had to be picked up in the neighborhood. He and every one were surprised. The fault is not in the valor of our men; and there may be no fault in the administration of affairs. They underrated the skill of GRANT, and failed to provide for eventualities that have culminated in the taking of a place which was considered of vast importance, and which might have been saved by the timely accumulation of a few barrels of flour and hogsheads of bacon.

"The fall of Vicksburgh, the *Register* says, opens the way to the Union forces in Mobile. It says:

"Between us and him there is nothing standing but Gen. JOHNSTON'S army and our own defences. Public expectation may at any moment call the former away, leaving us no defenders except ourselves. We have no apprehension of immediate danger; but that may be a false confidence. GRANT has shown by his movements on Vicksburgh both skill and celerity, and it can hardly be supposed that Mobile will escape his attention, if he finds himself with force enough to undertake it. If he come against us he will not advertise us of it. We will know it by the proximity of his troops. This city is of vast importance to complete the capture of Vicksburgh. It has been a coveted prize since the beginning of the war, and owes its security entirely to the difficulty of taking it by sea or by a land approach from the Gulf. Its condition is different now; and, unless well guarded above, or bravely held at home, it will inevitably fall a prey to the enemy."

Americans in London.

The following is a list of Americans registered at Gee's American Agency, No. 17 Charlotte-street, Bedford-square, London, England, for week ending July 10, 1863:

Edward Ely, Peoria, Ill.; John D. Locke and family, New-York; Wm. Sellen, wife and daughter, Cincinnati, Ohio; S. Morris Locke, San Francisco, Cal.; J. T. Steiner and family, Philadelphia; W. S. Smith, New-York; G. Fabens, Philadelphia; W. Pugent, Philadelphia; Charles Bailey, Pittsfield, Mass.; Wm. L. Stevens, New-York; Rev. David Irving, New-Jersey; George Marshall, Pittsburgh; Abbott E. Kittredge, Boston, Mass.; Mary Carpenter, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Hayward C. Billings, Boston, Mass.; Rev. S. S. Wiley and wife, New-York.

OPERATIONS ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

Interesting Official Reports.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS PRELIMINARY TO THE CAPTURE OF VICKSBURGH.

The *National Intelligencer* publishes a series of highly interesting official reports of recent operations on the Mississippi and in Tennessee. The more important are as follows:

ADMIRAL PORTER'S DETAILED REPORT.

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON, FLAGSHIP BLACK HAWK, OFF VICKSBURGH, July 12, 1863.

SIR: I have made reports to the Department of the different actions that have occurred on this river since the investment of Vicksburgh, and it now remains for me to give credit to the different officers who have participated in the events transpiring there.

When I took command of this squadron the river was virtually closed against our steamers over Helena to Vicksburgh. It was only necessary to impress the officers and men with the importance of opening communication with New-Orleans, and every one, with few exceptions, have embarked in the enterprise with a zeal that is highly creditable to them, and with a determination that the river should be opened if their aid could effect it.

With such officers and the able General who commanded the army I have not feared for the result, though it has been postponed longer than I thought it would be.

First and foremost allow me to speak of Capt. FOOTE, Flag-Captain and Commandant of Station at Cairo. To him I am much indebted for the prompt aid with which he has kept the squadron supplied. With all that was required or could be procured. His duty has been no sinecure, and he has performed it with an ability that could not have been surpassed by any officer of the navy. He has materially assisted me in the management of the Tennessee and Cumberland squadrons, keeping me promptly informed of all the movements of the enemy, and enabling me to make the proper dispositions to check him, exercising a most excellent judgment in moving the vessels to meet the rebels when there was no time to hear from me.

The war on the banks of the Tennessee and Cumberland has been carried on under novelty. There has been incessant skirmishing between the guerrillas and gunboats, in which the rebels have been defeated in every instance. So constant are these attacks that we cease to think of them as of any importance, though there has been much gallantry displayed on many occasions.

Lieut.-Commanders Phelps and Fitch have each had command of these rivers, and have shown themselves to be most able officers. I feel no apprehension at any time which regard the movements in that quarter. Had it not been for the activity and energy displayed by Lieut.-Commander Fitch, Capt. Pennock and Lieut.-Commander Phelps, Gen. ROSECRANS would have been left without provisions.

To Capt. Walke, Commander Woodworth, Lieut.-Commanders Breese, Greer, Shirk, Owen, Wilson, Walker, Bache, Murphy, Selfridge, Pritchett, Ramsay and Acting Volunteer Lieut. Hoel I feel much indebted for their active and energetic attention to all my orders, and their ready cooperation with the army and commanders at all times, which enabled them to carry out their plans successfully.

The *Benton*, Lieut.-Com. Greer, *Mound City*, Lieut.-Com. Byron Wilson, Tuscumbia, Lieut.-Com. Shirk, *Carondelet*, Acting Lieut. Murphy, and the *Sterling Price*, Commander Woodworth, have been almost constantly under fire of the batteries at Vicksburgh since the forty-five days siege commenced.

The attack of the 22d of May, by the *Benton*, *Mound City*, *Carondelet* and *Tuscumbia*, on all the water batteries, in which there were silenced and four guns injured or dismounted, was one of the best contested engagements of the kind during the war.

On the next attack of the same gunboats, when Gen. Grant opened all his batteries for six hours, the river batteries were all deserted, and the gunboats moved up and down without having a shot fired at them, showing the moral effect the first attack had.

The attack of the *Cincinnati*, Lieut.-Commander Bache, on the battery, will long be ranked among the most gallant events of this war; and, though Lieut. Bache had the misfortune to have his vessel sunk under him, he well deserves the handsome commendations bestowed upon him by the Department.

To Lieut.-Commander Ramsay, of the *Choctaw*, was assigned the management of three heavy guns placed on scows and anchored in a position that commanded the town and water-batteries. Every gun in the enemy could bring to bear on these boats was fired incessantly at them, but without one moment's cessation of fire on the part of our steamer, though the enemy's shot and shell fell like hail among them. This battery completely enfiladed the batteries and rifle-pits in front of Gen. Sherman, and made them untenable.

The mortar-boats were under charge of Gunner Eugene Hoch, who for thirty days stood at his post, the firing continuing night and day. He performed his duty well, and merits approval. The labor was extremely hard, and every man at the mortars was laid up with sickness, owing to excessive labor. After Mr. Hoch was taken ill, Ensign Miller took charge, and conducted the firing with marked ability. We know that nothing conduced more to the end of the siege than the mortar firing, which demoralized the whole, killed, wounded, and caused a number of persons, killed the cattle, destroyed property of all kinds, and set the city on fire. On the last two days we were enabled to reach the outer works of the enemy by firing heavy charges of twenty-six pounds of powder; the distance was three miles, and the falling of shells was very annoying to the rebels—to use the words of a rebel officer, "our shells hurried everywhere."

Lieut.-Commander Breese has been very efficient in relieving me of a vast amount of duty, superintending personally all the requirements made on the navy, and facilitating the operations of the army to every way that lay in his power. In every instance where it was at all possible to bring the *Black Hawk* into action against the enemy's batteries, he has not hesitated to do so, though she is not fortified exactly for such a purpose. His long-range guns have done most excellent service at different times.

I beg leave to mention to the different commanders of the light-draft, who have carried out my orders promptly, aided in keeping guerrillas from the river, convoyed transports safely, and kept their vessels in good condition for service, viz.: Acting Vol. Lieut. Geo. W. Brown, commanding *Forest Rose*; Acting Vol. Lieut. C. Dewaine, commanding *Signal*; Acting Vol. Lieut. T. S. Hurd, commanding *Covington*; Ensign Wm. C. Hanford, commanding *Rob*; Acting Master J. C. Beaver, commanding *New Era*; Acting Vol. Lieut. J. V. Johnstone, commanding *Romeo*; Acting Vol. Lieut. John Pierce, commanding *Prairie*; Acting Master W. E. Fentress, commanding *Baxter*; Acting Vol. Lieut. T. E. Smith, commanding *Linden*; Acting Vol. Lieut. E. C. Brennand, commanding *Queen City*. Acting Vol. Lieut. J. Gandy, commanding *Queen City*. There are others who deserve commendation, but these seem to me the most prominent.

The action of the 4th of July at Helena, wherein the *Tyler* participated so largely, has already been reported to the Department. There is no doubt left in the minds of any but that the *

THE SIEGE AND FALL OF PORT HUDSON.

A Rebel Account in Detail.

From the Mobile Advertiser.

We have conversed with an officer who succeeded in passing out from Port Hudson while the surrender was taking place on Thursday, the 9th instant, from whom we have been furnished with details of the siege which will not fail to prove interesting to our readers.

The initiatory steps of the siege may be reckoned from the 25th of May, when Gen. Auger advanced from Baton Rouge. His approach being reported by our cavalry, on the 21st Gen. Gardner sent out Col. Miles, with 400 cavalry and a battery, under orders to proceed to the Plain Store, six or seven miles from Port Hudson, and reconnoitre. About four miles from Port Hudson he encountered the enemy, and a severe action ensued of two and a half hours' duration, with a loss of thirty killed and forty wounded on our side. At night, in pursuance of an order of recall from Gen. Gardner, our forces fell back within the fortifications.

At the same time Col. Pegram' cavalry, some 300 strong, were engaged on the Baton Rouge and Bayou Sarassot, a mile and a half or two miles from Col. Miles. No communication has been had with them since, and their loss is unknown.

On the morning of the 23d the enemy pushed his infantry forward within a mile of our breastworks, and at the same time it was reported to the cavalry scouts that Gen. Banks, who had recently completed his Teche campaign, was landing troops at Bayou Sarassot (two miles above,) and moving in the direction of Port Hudson. From Saturday, the 23d, to Tuesday, the 26th, inclusive, the enemy was engaged in taking his position for the investment of our works. This being completed, on the morning of the 27th he advanced, with a whole force, against the breastworks, directing his main attack against the forty-pounder, commanded by Col. Steuart. Vigorous assaults were also made against the extreme left of Col. Miles and Gen. Beall, the former of whom commanded in the centre, the latter on the right.

On the left the attack was made by a brigade of negroes, comprising about three regiments, together with the same force of white Yankees, across a bridge which had been built over Sandy Creek on the night of the 25th. This force was thrown against the Thirty-ninth Mississippi regiment, commanded by Col. Shelby. About 500 negroes in front advanced at double-quick, within 150 yards of our works, when the artillery on the river bank and two light pieces on Capt. Sanzay's left opened upon them, and at the same time they were received with volleys of musketry from five companies of the Thirty-ninth. The negroes fled every way in perfect confusion, without firing a gun, probably carrying with them, in their panic flight, their white comrades further in the rear, for the enemy themselves report that 500 of them perished. If this be so, they must have been shot down by the Yankees in the rear, for the execution we could upon them did not exceed 250 killed, indeed, volleys of musketry were heard in the direction of their flight. Among the slain were found the bodies of two negro captains with commissions in their pockets.

The First Alabama, Lieut.-Col. Lockett, and the Tenth Arkansas, Col. Witt, engaged the enemy outside the works, in the thick woods, and fought most gallantly, but were compelled by the heavy odds brought against them to fall back upon the creek, and within the works. In this affair Col. Witt was wounded, and was not fated to remain long a prisoner, being one of the daring band who effected their escape from the *Maple Leaf*, while on their way to a Yankee prison.

Col. Johnson, with the fifteenth Arkansas regiment, numbering about 300 men, occupied a hill across Sandy Creek, which he had been fortifying for the previous week. About 5,000 of the enemy came against the position, moving down in a very narrow road, and many of them succeeded in gaining the breastworks, but they were repulsed and compelled to fall back into the woods, leaving 60 or 90 dead in front of the works.

On Gen. Beall's left, consisting of the First Mississippi, and the Forty-ninth Alabama, the enemy advanced in strong force, and were driven back with great slaughter. The repulse on Steuart's left was do decisive.

About 3 o'clock the Yankees, true to their Vandal instincts, raised the white flag, and under it attempted to make a rush with their infantry. This being reported to Gen. Gardner, he sent orders to the different commanders not to recognize any white flag unless sent by the Federal commander himself. At sunset, the firing ceased, after a totally unsuccessful engagement of twelve hours, during the whole of which our men had behaved with unflinching gallantry, and had completely repulsed the enemy at every point. Every man along the entire line had done his duty nobly. While this assault was going on, all the gun and mortar boats kept up an incessant firing upon the lower batteries, but without inflicting any damage.

On the 28th, Gen. Banks sent a flag proposing a cessation of hostilities, for the purpose of burying the dead, which was granted. About 3 o'clock P. M. the firing ceased, and the enemy, in heavy force, made a furious attack upon the First Alabama, which was gallantly repulsed.

From this time till June 13, heavy skirmishing was constantly kept up, the men were behind the breastworks night and day, and one could scarcely show his head an instant without being made the mark of a sharpshooter. Many were also from exposure to the sun and other causes. The enemy were busy, engaged in digging ditches, erecting batteries, and advancing their parallels. The gun and mortar boats kept up a continual fire by night and day, more, it would seem, for the purpose of harassing the garrison by wakefulness than from any hope of direct advantage.

Saturday, the 13th of June, a communication was received from Gen. Banks, demanding the unconditional surrender of Port Hudson. He complimented the garrison and its commander in high terms. Their courage, he said, amounted almost to heroism, but it was folly for them to attempt to hold the place any longer, as it was at his will, and he demanded the surrender in the name of humanity, to prevent the sacrifice of lives, as it would be impossible for his commanders to save the garrison from being put to the sword when the works should be carried by assault. His artillery, he said, was equal, if not in excellent efficiency, and his men outnumbered ours five to one. He knew to what a condition they were reduced, as he had captured Gen. Gardner's courier sent out with dispatches to Gen. Johnston. As these dispatches were in cipher, it is probable that Banks exaggerated the amount of information he had received from them.

Gen. Gardner replied that his duty required him to defend the post, and he must refuse to entertain any such proposition.

On the morning of the 14th, just before day, the fleet and all the land batteries which the enemy had succeeded in erecting at 100 to 300 yards from our breastworks, opened fire at the same time. About daylight, under cover of the smoke, the enemy advanced along the whole line, and in many places approached within ten feet of our works. Our brave fellows were twice awake, and opening upon them with "buck and ball" drove them back in confusion, a great number of them being left dead in the ditches. One entire division and a brigade were ordered to charge the position of the First Mississippi and the Forty-ninth Alabama, and by the mere physical pressure of numbers some of them got within the works, but all those were immediately killed. Every regiment did its duty nobly, but this was the main attack. After a sharp contest of two hours, the enemy were everywhere repulsed, and withdrew to their old line, but heavy skirmishing was kept up most of the day.

After this repulse, Gen. Banks sent no flag of truce to bury his dead, which remained exposed between the lines for three days. At the end of that time Gen. Gardner sent a flag to Banks, requesting that he would remove them. Banks replied that he had no dead there. Gen. Gardner then directed Gen. Beall to send a flag to Gen. Augur, and request him to bury the dead of his division, which lay in front of the First and Forty-ninth. Augur replied that he did not think he had any dead there, but he would grant a cessation of hostilities to ascertain. Accordingly, parties were detailed to pass the dead bodies over to the Yankees, and 200 odd were removed from this portion of the works, and with them one wounded man, who had been lying there three days without water, and was fly-blown from head to foot. It was reported that Banks had killed that his men should witness the carnage which had been committed; but if that were the case, he only made matters worse by this delay, for much exasperation was manifested at the sight of the wounded man, and a great many were heard to say that, if that was the way the wounded were to be treated, they wanted to be out of the army. A great many of the dead must have perished during the three days' interval. In front of Johnson, Sweeny and Cowdrey here, none were buried, and the bodies of the slain could be seen from the breastworks on the day of the surrender, twenty-six days after the fight.

During the rest of the month there was heavy skirmishing daily, with constant firing night and day from the gun and mortar-boats, and the works were generally drawn close to our line, which, it may here be remarked, was about three miles in extent, and in the centre some three-fourths of a mile from the river. Batteries of Parrott-guns had been erected across the river, which were well served by the United States recruits, and maintained a continuous and very effective fire upon our river batteries, disabling many of the guns. On the land side a formidable battery of seventeen 8, 9 and 10-inch columbiads was established 150 paces from our extreme right, one of seven guns in front of Gen. Beall's centre; one of six guns in front of the First Mississippi, on the Jackson road; and seven guns and mortars were planted in front of Col. Steuart. From these a fire was maintained day and night, doing but little damage to our men; but, as the siege continued, most of our artillery was disabled, only about 15 pieces remaining uninjured at the time of the surrender.

During the siege of six weeks, from May 27 to July 7, inclusive, the enemy must have fired from fifty to seventy-five thousand shot and shell, yet not more than twenty-five men were killed by these projectiles. They had worse dangers than these to contend against, but against them all they fought like heroes, and did their duty cheerfully. Several buildings were burned by the enemy's shells, among which was the mill, entailing a loss of two or three thousand bushels of corn.

About the 25th or 30th of June the garrison's supply of meat gave out, when Gen. Gardner ordered the mules to be butchered, after ascertaining that the men were willing to eat them. Far from shrinking from this hardship, the men received their unusual rations cheerfully, and declared that they were proud to be able to say that they had been reduced to this extremity. Many of them, as if in mockery of famine, ate eight rats and six frogs, declaring that they were better than squirrels.

As the time drew nigh the supply of ammunition was becoming exhausted, and at the time of the surrender there were only twenty rounds of cartridges left, with a small supply for artillery.

The hardships, privations and dangers of the situation were diversified by many exciting incidents. One day our men were rolling ten-inch shells over the ramparts to explode against the enemy's works, which were not more than fifteen feet off, when a rush was made at our breastworks by about 200 of the enemy. Two companies were marched to the spot, and they were driven back. Of some sixteen who had gained the interior of our works, every one was killed.

Mining was resorted to by the enemy; and after the surrender they said that they had a charge of 5,000 pounds of powder already laid under the inner river battery. This, in fact, consisting of a single pivot gun, was the key to the whole position, as it commanded both the river and the land approaches, and against this the heaviest ground the enemy and their most vigorous efforts by land and water, were directed. Their story, however, is somewhat doubtful.

But if the enemy mined, the garrison countermined and succeeded in blowing up the works in front of the First Mississippi.

Some time between the 20th and 30th of June, a singular circumstance occurred one night about 11 o'clock, after a heavy fire. The water coon ceased running up stream, and in half an hour the current in one place about twenty feet of the bluff disappeared, carrying away one of our river batteries. The roar of the water could be heard the distant thunder. If this were an earthquake—and it is difficult to give any other explanation—it must have "rolled unheedfully away" so far as the enemy was concerned, for no notice of it has appeared in any of the Yankee papers.

We are obliged to omit incidents generally, including the brilliant sorties and spiking of the enemy's guns, but merely remark that the story about Banks capturing fifteen prisoners on that occasion, and sending them back, for whom Gardner is retaliating a like number of Yankee prisoners, is merely a Yankee romance, there is no truth in it whatever.

On Tuesday, July 1, salutes were fired from the enemy's batteries and gunboats, and loud cheering was heard along the entire line, and Yankees, who were within conversing distance of our men, told them that Vicksburg had fallen. That night about 10 o'clock Gen. Gardner summoned a council of war, consisting of Gen. Beall, Col. Steuart, Colonel Miles, Lieutenant Shelby and Lieut. Col. Manning Harris, who, without exception, decided that it was impossible to hold out longer, considering that the provisions of the garrison were exhausted, the ammunition almost entirely expended, and a large proportion of the men sick, or from exhaustion unfit for duty. A communication was sent to Gen. Banks, stating what had been heard from the main, asking for official information as to the truth of the news, and stating if it were, that Gen. Gardner was ready to negotiate terms of surrender. Gen. Banks's reply was received just before day, inclosing a letter from Gen. Grant announcing the fall of Vicksburg, and Gen. Banks asked Gen. Gardner to appoint commissioners to arrange with those on his part the terms of surrender, and Colo. Miles and Steuart and Lieut. Col. Green were appointed.

Gen. Banks demanded an unconditional surrender, as in the first instance, but finally agreed that officers and soldiers should retain their private property (in which negroes were not included). A command for a parole of the garrison was refused. Gen. Banks said he would grant such terms with the greatest pleasure, but the orders of the Secretary of War forbid it.

The surrender was fixed to take place at 7 o'clock on the morning of the 9th. At 6 o'clock the garrison were drawn up in line, and two officers of Gen. Gardner's staff were sent to conduct the Federal officer deputed to receive the surrender. This was Gen. Andrews, who entered the lines shortly after 7 o'clock, on the Clinton road. Gen. Gardner met him at the right of our line, and delivered up his sword, observing that he surrendered his work and his garrison since his position was exhausted. Gen. Andrews replied that he received Gen. Gardner's sword, but returned it to him for his having maintained his defence so gallantly.

Meantime the enemy's infantry moved down in front of our line, both wings resting on the river, and completely encircling the little garrison, as if to cut off any attempt to escape. About that time our infantry commenced to pass through the lines, and evading the enemy's outposts. A great many of the garrison—probably several hundred—had made an attempt to escape the previous night, but the guard of the enemy was so strict that they could not pass out.

The number of the garrison which surrendered was between 5,000 and 6,000, of whom there were not more than 2,000 effective men for duty. During the siege about 200 had been killed and 500 wounded, besides several deaths from sickness. Among the officers killed were Col. Fisher, of Arkansas, Lieut. Moore, of Louisiana, and Lieut. Somerville, of the First Mississippi, besides a few others with whose names our informant was not familiar.

The universal feeling in the garrison is, that Gen. Gardner did everything in his power to foil the enemy and protract the siege, and only succumbed to the direst necessity. The garrison, too, have made a noble record. Even the enemy's accounts, upon which we have been entirely dependent for nearly two months, bear testimony to heroism unsurpassed during the war; but much yet remains to be told, and not a word of it but will reflect the greatest honor upon those devoted men.

The Fourth of July in Venice.

Correspondence of the Boston Advertiser.

VENICE, Monday, July 6, 1863.

We have celebrated the Fourth of July in Venice. Early in the week we discussed the most proper manner of hoisting it and by breakfast time on Saturday, it seemed best to put our flag on the gondola, and go down to the Lido, with a view to splashing on the grass there. The Lido, you know, is the sea shore, and hither a more cheerful race the Venetians used to resort in great numbers on certain *fêtes*, called the Mondays of the Lido. It is a long narrow island between the lagoons and the sea, with a village at either end and bath-houses on the beach, which is everywhere teeming with people. There are some poor little trees there, and grass—things which we are thirsty a week greatest for, when we get to Baden. I do not know whether it will give the slightest further interest to say that there are also the tombs of the Hebrews, among which Mr. Cooper's ingenious "Bravo" had the incredible good luck to hide himself from the *sbirri* of the republic, or to relate that it was the habit of Lord Byron to gallop up and down the Lido in search of that conspicuous solitude of which the places are still fond. Though rather late, as we did not celebrate the fourth of the Lido, I do not think that the reader shall be greatly interested here. As storm came up, and put the Lido out of the question. So we took gondola and made to Casa Falier, both Americans as we found at the hotels. These guests, though few, were few; but not the less we draped our thresholds with flags and garlanded our portraits of Washington with Star-Spangled Banners of a smaller size, and not the less we met and pouted the toasting (if I may coin a word) and proclaimed our sentiments there. (I find that if I proceed any further in this strain, the newspaper in my hand will overpower me, and I shall say that the addresses were able and eloquent, and the listeners breathed the fire of patriotism.) The pose of the occasion, whose inspirations occur at those rare intervals when there is nothing to occasion them, wrote some verses the next day, which, he thought would have been appropriate had they been composed in time. With a reticent characteristic of the poetic temperament, he has permitted them to be inserted here:

THE VERSES.

BY W. D. HOWELLS.

Drink the dim and hollow wine
To our land, to night!
Out of our own hearts grows the vine
Giving, there, bitter fruit alone
Under the feet of the vintagers
Mingled blood and tears.

II.

Dim and vile as tears
In the gaze of the war-worn, tired years
Looking vainly for the sign
Of far-off peace—the vine
That we drink, to-night,
Rich as the leaping blood of youth,
Sweet as the smile in Hope's sweet eyes,
Drink are the perfume flies
But for our land of the East and West
We cannot tell which shall honor it best,
The tears or the blood of the vine.

We toasted whatever lands were true and unhappy. Under the touch of the fair Venetian, who is one of us, the piano gave forth the pathetic national air of that struggling people, whose rebellion seeks to win all that our rebels seek to destroy. Then we sang the songs of our own land, and the mountain echoing canal responded to unwonted strains of what may be harmlessly called colored music. We even had pleasant things of England—with all the more heart that one gentle and large-hearted Englishman was present to hear them. The young Kentuckian told us of the East, whence he had just come, and the names of Jordan and Euphrates flowed into our talk; and the Pennsylvanian who had been blown up on the Sacramento River steamboat and had come down at the Consulate of Java, touching at Bull Run on the way—gave us the story of his patriotic life. Under the window the stars laughed among the dimples of the water, and the moon sweetened air breathed all the fever out of our Fourth, and left only its glory and delight. *Esto perpetua!*

Now, as the Summer advances, the throng of strangers in Venice grows thinner. The season has been a good one for travel, and many Americans have been here. Among others who have visited the city have been those "French citizens," Gov. Moonlight of Kentucky, and his party. Just now, perhaps, we have Conway, of Boston, who has taken a run down hither from England to rest from the fatigues of lecturing.

I shall be the first to tell you of a work of art ordered here, which will be unique in America, on its arrival there. I wrote you some time ago of the revival of Mosaic painting in Venice, and I have now to chronicle its introduction in America as a monumental decoration. The Cavalier Salviati is making for Mr. Bryant, now in Venice, a memorial tablet of the late Dr. Bryant. I have seen the design, which is tasteful and indescribable. A Bible-like arch forms the top of the tablet, and a Greek border surrounds the commemorative text. The contents of a portrait for Mosaic on the orthodox gold ground, of Dr. Bryant in his clerical dress; and an emblem. The portrait will be nearly two feet, the serpent of eternity encircles it; below, the bungles of laurel and of olive are interwoven. The design includes a book of mosaic work of different colored stones. I need hardly allude to the striking peculiarfitness of such a memorial for a man like Dr. Bryant. Mosaic painting was the first inspiration of Christian art, and possessed alike the highest ideas that afterward flowed into the triumphs of religious painting during the age of Titian and Raphael. Yet how invaluable, in a country like ours, unfixed spirit of the art in its revival here, give a life and reality to the symbolism, which the memorial, the peculiarity, and the eternity of the work, must always remind us of the age when Christian art was a devout profession, its outlines a representation of the Christian faith, its very richness in representative of the opulent nature of Dr. Bryant; and I can think of no more fitting introduction of the art in the New World, than that it be given by this work. The tablet is intended for the church on the Heights in Brooklyn, and this church, to which Dr. Bryant gave so much labor and love, acquired there an honorable mention of him. I believe the work is to be finished by the 1st of October.

Signor Mazzi, the Venetian traveler and seeker for the sources of the White Nile, of whom I wrote you in my March letter, has returned to Venice from Germany. He denies that Baker has really discovered the sources of the Nile, and he, I believe, supported in his opinion by at least the Geographical Society of Frankfort. Whether he will himself make another effort to discover the hidden fountains I do not know.

SCANDAL IN ENGLISH HIGH LIFE.

The Action Against the Duke of Brunswick.

From the London News, July 12.

The extraordinary action against the Duke of Brunswick has come on for further hearing at Paris. It will be remembered that the action was one for an alimentary pension, brought by Madame De Cuvar, an illegitimate daughter of the Duke by an English woman calling herself "Lady Colville." The answer to the claim, issued by the Duke in the form of a demurrer, was that he had never recognized the plaintiff as his child, and, consequently, that in the eye of the French law, in which, unlike the English, gives a bastard, when recognized, certain modified child rights, she was in no sense a minor claimant. By way of justifying, or at least explaining, the disavowal of the Duke, M. Allaz, the Duke's counsel, alleged that the plaintiff's mother, "Caroline" was an indifferent assumption by the person pretending to bear it; that her real name was Miss Seymour; that the Duke met her in the saloon of a theatre, where she had already gone through more than one name or character; that, in nothing loth, and with her eyes open, accepted the position of his mistress, who came accompanied with a female chaperon; that she was more amusing and lively in California than at home; although the Duke had from the child's birth, provided funds for the education of the pretended Lady Colville's daughter, he had never taken any personal interest in her and had in fact never so much as seen her except at the moment of her birth. M. Mazzi, counsel for Madame de Cuvar, gives a very different complexion to the case. At the last hearing, M. Mazzi stated that "Lady Colville," when she made the acquaintance of the Duke of Brunswick, in 1859, was only 17, an age at which she could not have made many of compliments to the Duke, who was then a young man of fashion, had received a brilliant education, and was the grand-daughter of Admiral Colville and niece to the Countess Firan. The learned counsel proceeded further to show the high respectability of "Lady Colville," by stating that when she went abroad with the Duke of Brunswick a young lady was recommended to her as a companion by the Duke of Sussex. She then was an adjunct from the lady in question, who stated the circumstances under which she was engaged; that the Duke of Sussex had been a friend to "Lady Colville" on their arrival in Germany. The learned counsel: "On July 4, 1859, Lady Colville was confined of a daughter, who was proclaimed throughout the Duchy as the child of the reigning Duke, and Duke Charles publicly and solemnly recognized her as the heiress of his royal blood. I was present at the birth of the child, together with Dr. Pizzuta and other persons of the suite. The Duke was at that time confined to the bedchamber by a dangerous illness, and was attended by his physician, his brother. As soon as the Duke heard of the birth, he came to Wendessen, in spite of his pain, to see his first-born. The baptism was performed with great pomp. The grand Chaplain of the Court, Rev. Dr. de Wantzlaren, officiated on the occasion, and in honor of the event was raised to the rank of a bishop. The golden basin, which for many centuries has been used as a font for the baptism of princes and princesses of the House of Brunswick, and on which their armorial bearings are engraved in solemn procession, and the child was baptized by the new bishop, the Baron d'Ompteda, grand seneschal, representing His Highness as the father, and Baron de Gussenhall representing Prince William, then at Berlin, as godfather. Beside the male family names and titles given to the young Princess, and which were afterward confirmed by letters patent, the Duke gave her the Christian names of his grandmother, the Princess of Baden, Elizabeth Wilhelmina. From the hour that the child was born he always manifested an affection that a royal father could possibly invite upon it. Prince William, both at Brunswick and at Paris, invariably treated Lady Colville with the utmost respect and attention. He frequently took out to horseback with her and his brother, and always showed the greatest affection to his niece." M. Mazzi sought to deduce from the above affidavits and other circumstances the argument that there must have been a promise of marriage, under which "Lady Colville" left England, and from various letters, which he read, he argued the probability that a legal recognition of the plaintiff in the Duke's child must have been secretly the archives of the House of Brunswick, which the Duke of Cumberland had proposed. He insisted upon this reception and secondary evidence that this recognition must have been made, and argued that at all events the child had acquired a status by repute, which was sufficient to support an action for an alimentary pension. 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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

Our Washington Correspondent is inclined to doubt the statement that LEE's forces are massed at *Culpepper*. The main body of the rebels, he says, *is thought to be on the south bank of the* Rapidan. Its exact location, however, is expected to be soon ascertained, as Gen. MEADE's army is about to make an important movement, which will unmask it. The men and goods carried off by MOSEBY on Friday, from Fairfax Court-house, were yesterday recovered by an expedition under Col. LOVELL. MOSEBY escaped, with all but five of his followers.

By the steam transport *Belvidera*, which arrived at this port yesterday, we receive advices from the scene of Gen. GILLMORE's operations against Charleston to the 29th ult. Gen. GILLMORE had succeeded in erecting a long line of batteries within two hundred and fifty yards of Fort Wagner; and, what is still more important, he had also succeeded in mounting three heavy siege guns within a mile and a quarter of Fort Sumter, which were to open fire on the day the *Belvidera* left. It is expected that Fort Sumter can thus be reduced without making the reduction of Wagner a necessary preliminary.

Gen. BURNSIDE, having become satisfied that one object of the rebel incursion into that State is to overawe the Judges of Elections, and intimidate loyal voters—thus forcing the election of disloyal candidates, at the election to take place to-morrow—has declared the State under martial law. All military officers are commanded to aid the constituted authorities of the State in the support of the laws and the purity of suffrage, and the Election Judges will be held strictly responsible.

The Nashville *Press* states that the rebels are making all their preparations to transport the entire wheat crop of East Tennessee to the South, if it shall become necessary for them to evacuate that section. Nor will they wait to thresh the grain if they are hard pressed. They are even prepared to carry it off in the straw.

The news packages by the steamship *Morning Star*, from New-Orleans, reached us yesterday. The most important item is the confirmation of the report received up the Mississippi that Brashear City is again in our possession—it having surrendered, on the 22d ult., to the gunboat *Sachem*. Official advices of this fact had been received in New-Orleans. At Port Hudson matters were settling down into a condition of quietude. Several cannon and some Quartermasters' materials had been unearthed within the fortifications—they having been buried by the rebels to prevent their falling into our hands. The movements of steamboats on the Mississippi had already become quite brisk. An order had been issued in New-Orleans to allow all market boats with vegetables and food of every kind to pass the pickets into the city unmolested.

The Government gives notice that the law of retaliation is to be fully carried out. Every case of ill-treatment of our officers or men, black or white, by the rebels, is to be retaliated in kind—hanging for hanging, shooting for shooting, imprisonment for imprisonment. If a black soldier is taken prisoner and sold into Slavery, a rebel soldier will be confined at hard labor in some prison, there to remain until the black soldier shall be liberated.

Eighteen rebel officers captured at Gettysburgh, and since lodged at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, were on Friday sent West, under an escort. Their destination is Johnson's Island, in Sandusky Bay, Lake Erie, where they are to be confined, by order of the Government, until satisfactory assurances are received that Col. STAHLSCHMIDT's command, now imprisoned in Georgia, and other Union officers, are properly treated.

A banquet was given on board the steamer *Imperial* at St. Louis on Tuesday evening last, by way of celebrating the trip from St. Louis to New-Orleans and the return, which that vessel had just accomplished. Gens. STRONG and SCHOFIELD, with their respective Staffs, and a number of other military officials, were in attendance.

The St. Louis *Union* learns from reliable Union men from the interior of the State, that rebel deserters who have abandoned the "Confederate" army, are returning home in considerable numbers. Few of them are penitent. They are still at heart rebels, and are exerting the most mischievous influence by their presence and their conversation. In some cases they return for the sole purpose of taking to bushwhacking and stealing, and in some of the Missouri River counties they are already committing depredations upon peaceable citizens. Union men complain that these dangerous characters are too leniently dealt with, being generally let off upon taking the oath, and giving bond for their good behavior—which amounts to nothing at all.

GENERAL NEWS.

It is reported from Acapulco, on the West Coast of Mexico, that a French fleet is expected there, with 10,000 soldiers—the latter to go by way of the Gulf of Mexico and the Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

News received from Japan, by way of San Francisco, states that war between that country and France and England is considered certain, and that Japan is much better prepared for war than has been supposed.

Breadstuffs were quiet on Saturday, and prices were unsettled. Provisions (especially Pork) were in more demand. A moderate business is reported in Cotton, Tobacco, Sugars and Whiskey. Hay was salable and firm. Tallow was more active, and rather dearer. Freights were very quiet, with 657 vessels of all classes in port. The changes in other branches of trade were unimportant.

The Political Fantasies and Fallacies of the Day.

The so-called States Rights politicians have recently revived, and are now maintaining with all the energy at their disposal, the worn-out fallacy, that the United States "are a nation in their relations with foreign Powers, but only a confederation of independent States in *their relations with one another.*" Considering the completeness of the discussion which this theory underwent in all its bearings during the existence of the old Confederacy, at the hand of the ablest statesmen of the Revolution, it may seem strange that anybody should have to warn the public of its absurdity in our day; but when the organ of a political party deliberately and repeatedly puts forward the fact of the President's having suspended the Habeas Corpus Act, as a palliation if not justification of the murders, arson and pillage recently committed by the mob in this City, we need not be surprised by the display on the part of the "blatherskite" school of publicists of any amount, either of ignorance and forgetfulness, or mental confusion.

There is no man in the United States fit to vote who ought not to know by this time how thoroughly this plan of giving political bodies a double character—that of a unit abroad and a collection of units at home—has been tried, and how completely it has failed. The authors of the *Federalist*, such men as MADISON and JAY and HAMILTON, ransacked history, both ancient and modern, *for the purpose of showing the American people the worthlessness of Confederacies* of this sort, in point both of strength and durability; and strange as it may seem to those who nowadays go astray after such uncommonly "strange gods" as our BROOKES, and TILDEN, and CURTISS, the adoption of the present Constitution, which the *Federalist* was written to promote, was intended to be, and, was a solemn repudiation on the part of the generation of Americans of the Revolutionary epoch, of the notion that it was possible for a people to be respected as a nation abroad unless in reality a nation at home. The old Confederacy was avowedly what the Copperheads of our day are trying to make the unfortunates who take them for guides believe that our present Constitution really is—a union of sovereign States—one in their dealings with foreign Powers, but thirteen in their dealings with one another; and it is positively the most notorious fact of American history that it was broken up and abandoned, owing to the unmixed contempt with which every foreign Power regarded it, and its utter inability to afford protection to its own subjects against the petticst of foreign potentates. So that the American people learned by actual experience of their own, the lesson which the experience of various other nations might have taught them, that no community is for political purposes capable of sustaining a dual character with either dignity or safety. The possibility of such an arrangement has, through many ages, been the theme of statesmen and philosophers, but like the philosopher's stone, perpetual motion, and the reign of universal love, it remains a dream to this day. It presupposes an amount of wisdom and self-control and self-abnegation, of which men in this stage of civilization are not capable, and of which the mass of men, to do them justice, do not pretend to be capable; for the practicing of these theories has, in these times, fallen completely into the hands either of visionaries or of knavish demagogues, who, having nothing to hope from order, unity and stability, see a faint prospect either of gain or notoriety in confusion and discord.

The history of all Confederacies, including our own, shows that they are united as against the foreigner only for short periods, and under the dominion of some strong and absorbing passion; but that they cannot be depended upon to carry any people safely and honorably through the battles, sieges and fortunes of a prolonged national existence. States, any more than individuals, cannot play two parts simultaneously, and do justice to both. They cannot be rivals to-day and allies to-morrow, disagree about every conceivable subject in peace, and the next moment rush into a foreign war as one man. It may seem to some people that thirty-three Governors and thirty-three Legislatures, reigning over thirty-three "Sovereign" States, and titillating the fancy of bar-rooms and primary meetings by lofty assertions of State dignity against one another and of State rights, must be an imposing and terrible sight to foreign Powers; but they deceive themselves grossly. Foreign Powers are not such imbeciles as Ward politicians love to think them. They are directed by shrewd men, who have themselves grown old in the study of what constitutes national force and vitality, and whose knowledge and experience is all devoted to the service of sectional selfishness. They ravel in the spectacle of our divisions, and smile with delight at every "noble stand" made by such heroes as Gov. Blank on behalf of his principality against the Central Government and other States—because they know perfectly well that either New-York or Massachusetts, standing and acting completely alone, would be vastly more formidable than thirty-three such States making ridiculous efforts to be a sovereign power in time of peace, and the thirty-third part of a great nation in time of war. Such men as PALMERSTON and LOUIS NAPOLEON do not take their notions of us and our capabilities—and we cannot repeat this too often—from our patriotic songs and Fourth of July orations; and they will not and do not believe, with the "Society for the Diffusion of Political Information," that we have hit upon a plan of uniting for the purposes of war a collection of small communities, which we pass the years of peace in keeping separate and independent, and in teaching that their only security for their liberty and happiness lies in the watchful maintenance of their political isolation.

Plots and Plans of the Enemy.

True lovers of their country watched the action of the last Congress with great anxiety. The interests which are committed to any Congress are widespread and mighty enough to call for the closest attention of every citizen. But upon the action of the *last Congress depended not material interests alone.* The very existence of the nation depended upon its organizing plans not only to raise funds, but to call forth armies for the struggle with the rebellion—and every patriot breathed more freely when the news was heard that the Conscription bill was passed. We all felt as if the nation had got a new hold on life; a renewed sense of security and confidence spread over the land, in the knowledge that the whole power of the nation could be called forth, not only by the voice of sentiment and enthusiasm, but by that sterner and more potent voice of law, to which the people throughout the Northern States have ever been accustomed to render a ready obedience.

The Secessionists and their sympathizers were proportionately depressed. They had rejoiced so loudly over the increasing difficulties of recruiting as the first glow of enthusiasm died away, they had looked forward with such pleasant anticipations to the diminution of our armies by the hundreds of thousands of soldiers whose term of enlistment would expire ere long, and the consequent easy progress of the rebel arms, compelling the Government to make that disastrous peace—

"A peace full of wrongs and shames"—

which was the desire of their hearts, that it was hard for them to see these pleasant fancies dispelled in so rude a fashion. They looked upon the passage of the bill as Lord LYONS said they looked on another matter, "with irritation, not unmixed with consternation and despondency."

It is not, however, their nature to cease endeavoring to work injury to the cause of the country, because they find their designs thwarted and their hopes disappointed—and though the bill had passed and been approved by people and President, they lost no time in setting on foot an outcry against it—arbitrary, oppressive, unconstitutional, they one and all, declared it to be. The boldest of them proclaimed it should never be enforced, and even threatened resistance by the armed hand—hoping to find in it a foundation on which to base that resistance to the Government in the North, that diversion in favor of the rebels which they had long ago promised to the Southern leaders whenever they should undertake their long-planned scheme of rebellion, but which they had never yet felt strong enough to set on foot.

But they will not gain their desired object in this way. The people are determined that the Government shall be sustained, and that all measures necessary to that end shall be enforced; and this measure of conscription is one which is universally felt by intelligent patriots to be absolutely necessary for the sustenance of our army and the crushing of the great rebellion.

Ungrateful Islanders—The Rebel Sympathizers of Bermuda.

To what depths of ingratitude human nature may sink when free rein is given to the sordid passions, is well illustrated by the conduct of the Bermudians in relation to our National struggle. For a very long period these islands have been mainly dependent upon the North, and especially upon New-York, for whatever commercial prosperity they enjoy. Here the products of their soil have found a ready and profitable market, in return for which we have sent them supplies of cattle, breadstuffs and assorted merchandise, which, with singular lack of energy and thrift, their people have failed to produce for themselves. Here, too, large numbers of their aspiring young men have found honorable and lucrative employment, that was denied them in the islands of their nativity. It might reasonably have been supposed, therefore, that where the interests of these Islanders were so closely allied their sympathies in the contest would have been placed. But these bonds have proved weaker than a spider's web. In the very beginning of the war, abundant evidence was given of Bermudian readiness to affiliate with the rebels of the South, between whom and themselves there had been previously not one thing in common. With eager avarice the merchants at once shamelessly engaged in furnishing material to rebel purchasers; the facilities of the fine harbor of St. George have been steadily extended to the fleet of blockade runners; the dingy newspapers have teemed with malignant diatribes upon the "Yankees;" Union victories have been deplored and rebel successes made the occasion of public exultation. But all these methods of dispensing aid to the enemy, under the guise of neutrality, although assisting to prolong the war, we have endured and can continue to endure with some degree of complaisancy. The base ingratitude they evince we do not take into account, and their moral sympathy we do not yearn after. But they have recently committed an act which makes it high time, not simply for protest, but for retaliation.

A day or two since, the news reached us that the rebel pirate *Florida* had called off the islands for repairs and supplies. With unusual and quite unnecessary diffidence, her Captain, MAFFITT, anchored outside, not daring to enter the harbor until permission had been obtained from the authorities. This timidity was entirely thrown away. The vessel was not only allowed to come up to the wharf at St. George, for the purpose of receiving coal and having her machinery repaired, but as she passed by the forts at the entrance of the harbor, the rebel ensign was honored by a salute. The officers were subsequently flattered and caressed, and fawned upon *ad nauseam* by the townspeople. These marks of distinguished consideration were bestowed solely because this piratical cruiser was fresh from the destruction of a dozen of our merchant vessels engaged on the high seas in lawful commerce.

We hope our authorities will bear this dishonorable conduct of the Bermudians in mind, and visit it, as far as may be, with punishment. One step has been taken in this direction already. Some weeks since, by order of the War Department, the further exportation of beeves to this nest of secession was stopped; and more recently, the *largest of the New-York shippers, who have* been driving a brisk trade in this direction, have been compelled to give heavy bonds to the Collector of this port that not a barrel of the immense quantity of breadstuffs and other supplies which have been sent to the islands will find its way to the mouths of rebel consumers, as has been for a long time the case.

The Madagascar Emeute and its Consequences.

While the Western Powers have been aspiring to control the destinies of two hemispheres, an event has occurred in a remote island which shows how hollow is the friendship that exists between them, and how easy it would be to transform these seeming allies into deadly enemies.

Madagascar, the finest of all the African isles, and of vast importance because of its magnitude, fertility and geographical position, has recently been the scene of a bloody tragedy and revolution. Madagascar was once subdivided into numerous little States, each independent, and ruled by its respective prince; but, early in the present century, all *these States were subdued by the Prince of Imerina, who became King of the whole* island, with the title of RADAMA I. This monarch entered into treaties with several of the European Governments, and was very favorable to Christian missionaries, who were permitted by him to establish schools and churches in the country. The mind of his Queen RANAVALONA was, however, of a less liberal type. She still clung to the idolatrous practices of her fathers, and when, on the premature death of her husband, she ascended the throne, the schools and churches were closed, the missionaries banished, and a bitter persecution directed against such of the native converts as would not observe the new faith. But, fortunately, the reign of the Madagascar Mary was short, and on the succession of her son RADAMA II., the work of persecution ceased, the missionaries were recalled, the schools reopened, and the worship of Christ restored.

Henceforward all would have gone well for the interests of Christianity and of foreigners, had it not been for their sectarian and national rivalry and the weakness of the young king. French and British missionaries and French and British traders had got footing in his realm, and His Majesty does not appear to have held the balance evenly between these jealous candidates for favor. Having become a convert to Catholicity, he considered himself bound to take the French party into his confidence, and thus the British lost all influence at court. This distinction did not immediately lead to the catastrophe that followed, but, as the relations between the Madagascar aristocracy, who were hostile to royalty, and the British, became, in consequence of it, more intimate, their French adversaries, who suffered by the subsequent revolution, have made that intimacy a ground for charging the English with complicity in the crime. It is very apparent, however, that the indiscretion of the monarch, and the rapacity of his favorites, had much more to do with bringing about the revolution than the British traders and missionaries. The revenues of his kingdom were first wasted on his courtiers, and then national and oppressive expedients were resorted to in order that his coffers might be replenished. The Madagascar Dalmics doubtless felt indignant at seeing strangers and parvenus usurping those places near the person of their sovereign which of right belonged to themselves, but the demand for onerous and unlawful tribute to minister to the extravagance of these parasites, added immeasurably to their wrath, and brought matters to a crisis. They would persuade the misguided king to expel his minions from the palace and to adopt a better policy; and, if remonstrance proved vain they would compel him. The obstinacy of RADAMA rendered the revolution more tragic than perhaps the nobles originally intended. For the result was that, as he would make no concession, himself and all his native courtiers were murdered, and his widow, RASOHERINA, raised to the vacant throne.

The French would unquestionably care little whether RADAMA or RASOHERINA swayed the sceptre of Madagascar, were not British influence now in the ascendent. This, however, has angered the non-official Press of France exceedingly. They do not hesitate to assert that the whole thing has been brought about by British intrigue for the destruction of French supremacy in the island, and they urge the emperor to at once send out an expedition to avenge the insult offered to the *grande nation*, and to re-establish by force of Arms her authority over the Kingdom. But this would be hazardous counsel for the French Emperor to follow. The possession of Madagascar, which is on the route to India, would enable France to assail her rival in the East with greater advantage than even the possession of Egypt. New England would go to war with France to-morrow, rather than suffer her to seize Egypt, and we don't think she would be one bit less alarmed at seeing France possessing on Madagascar. Most assuredly, if NAPOLEON should send an expedition to that island the *entente cordiale* will be in jeopardy.

THE COST OF A RIOT.—The claims filed against the City for damages to property sustained during the late riots, already sum up to an amount considerably above $600,000. And the list is by no means complete. Whatever losses shall be established must be paid by an assessment on the property of citizens, not one in ten thousand of whom, it is fair to assume, had anything to do with the destruction caused. If to the claims for damages thus laid we add the $2,500,000 that the City Council propose to pay, to buy off the conscripts that shall be drawn in the City, we shall have a total of over $3,000,000 to be paid by the property-holders of New-York City, on account of a few thousand scamps, thieves and law-breakers, whom $1,000 worth of powder and lead, judiciously administered from the muzzles of muskets, would have converted into lamb-like citizens, if not effective soldiers.

England and New-Zealand—Another Maori War.

England, ere this, has been dragged into another Maori war—a war which will prove still more formidable, and redound still less to her credit, than all former ones with the New-Zealanders. For now the whole aboriginal race have been roused to hostility, and seem determined to make a desperate struggle to preserve what remains to them of the heritage of their ancestors. To the indiscretion of the Colonial Government must be ascribed the beginning of the present trouble. During the last war, the British settlers had been expelled from the Fataraimaka district, and at the conclusion of peace, the right of the natives who had taken possession of it was not called in question. Hence the Maori came to regard their new acquisition as a trophy of their valor, and continued undisputed masters of it till the Spring of the current year. Then it suddenly occurred to Sir GEORGE GREY that he ought to compel the Maori to disgorge Fataraimaka, in order that it might be restored to the emigrant settlers. *Had the restoration of the territory to the* Europeans been made one of the conditions of the peace it would have been fair enough; but after suffering the natives to hold it for three years, and to look on it as their own property, it was imprudent for the Governor to capriciously revive an obsolete claim, and require the *de facto* owners to abandon possession; nay, to send a military force to drive them from the soil.

Exasperated as the Maori naturally felt at this wanton outrage, they did not immediately resent it, but their passions were kindled, and all they needed now was a pretext and an opportunity for revenge. Nor had they long to wait for either. A belt of native territory, which Europeans are forbidden to trespass on, intervenes between Fataraimaka and the New-Plymouth English settlement, which are only connected by a narrow road along the beach. This road being out of order, some men, sent to repair it, presumed to encroach on the Maorian soil, and to carry thence material for their work. The offenders escaped, but, in a few days after, a party of English soldiers, convoying a provision train over the road in question, were surprised, slain, and barbarously mutilated by the incensed aborigines. That deed of blood, however, was much more than an ephemeral outburst of savage vindictiveness. It was likewise a virtual declaration of war against the colonists, and the beacon fires which blazed on the hills of the surrounding country, and the general uprising of the Maorian tribes, proclaimed that a concerted attack on the pale faces had been decided on. Even the Waikatoes, of whose pacific disposition the Governor had been assured, manifested their feelings by destroying all the property of the settlers in their vicinity, and expelling them from their homesteads.

At first his Excellency was inclined to make light of the matter. He would not admit that the massacre of the soldiers was more than ordinary murder, and to impress this view of the case on the public mind, he had a Coroner's inquest held on the bodies of the dead. But when he heard of the arming of the tribes, and the expulsion of the frontier colonists from their lands, he began to discover his mistake and to prepare for war. All the available troops in Auckland were ordered to the troubled district, volunteers were called out, and every means taken to protect the settlements from the enemy. It was determined, also, to seize the native territory intervening between Fataraimaka and New-Plymouth, and to distribute it among those veterans whose time of service was up, and who were willing to remain in the Island. It is evident, however, that this scheme cannot be carried out till the conflict is ended and the Maori subdued, which may prove a more difficult job than the Governor anticipates.

These little triennial wars in New-Zealand indicate very plainly that the rival races cannot be made to dwell together in unity. All the preaching and teaching of the Missionaries cannot induce the natives to remain passive while their territory is being seized by the intruders, and as the latter would rather aid in the extermination of the savages than put a curb on their own cupidity, we fear that the fate of the Maori will ultimately be that of the aboriginal inhabitants of the West Indian Isles. The former will be *civilized out of existence* by the British of the nineteenth century, just as the latter were by the Spaniards of the sixteenth. *Væ victis.*

PUFFING REBELS.—The failure of JOHN MORGAN's raid opens up a fine field for thought upon the subject of puffery, especially as connected with certain so-called heroes of the rebel army. It does not cause any very wide-mouthed surprise when some local newspaper persistently puffs its village General or Colonel, and refuses to see any hero but him; but when the Press generally settles upon some roving rascal in the rebel service, and elevates him to herodom, surrounding him with the halo of romance, and inventing piquant stories to illustrate his deeds, it is time to seek them a hero that may be worthy of their steel—pens.

From the very beginning of this war, the Northern Press has failed to see properly the merit in the hundreds of brilliant things done by our own soldiers, but has discovered, without difficulty, the bravery and brag of every movement of a rebel squad. The raids of Stuart were puffed to heaven, and Aiken's stealing expeditions written up in everything but good poetry, while their leader was held to have a charmed life, until some bullet gave him his quietus. The next raiding rebel on the programme was JOHN MORGAN, and we were called on to admire the daring and the style of this first-class horse-thief and slave-trader. Whether he deserves this puffery, the people of Indiana and Ohio may decide, but his conduct looks as if it rather deserved a halter. *On the other hand, little is said of* the brilliant ride of GRIERSON into Mississippi, or the circuit of STONEMAN in Virginia, or the *glorious exploits of KILPATRICK. We are not* called on by resounding paragraphs to admire the brave work of WYNDHAM, BAYARD and AVERILL; but STUART's black horse cavalry and JENKINS' freebooters bring forth pens, followed by regrets that we have no Generals who have brain and brag, especially the last, to cut off and use up these fellows. With as much persistency as though paid for at the rate of ten cents a line, the public is called to admire the deeds of BEAUREGARD, BRAGG, Stonewall JACKSON and LEE, by newspapers which fail to see the grand work of our commanders under most discouraging disadvantages, which, instead of proclaiming the never-flinching bravery of our soldiers, stand ready to echo the Jeremy Twitcherisms of the rebel Press over every defeat—an echo that reaches the shores of Europe and is again repeated, until those countries are led to believe that there is no pluck but in a secesh army.

Nearly all the notoriety that has been given to the rebel leaders has been given by Northern Presses. It is from this side that Europe has taken its tone, and elevated these men into first-class heroes. We have, while seeking *not to undervalue our foe, overvalued him* in brain and undervalued him in brag. If success is the test of merit, then these Southern leaders, both political and military, must possess but a small share. "He laughs best who laughs last," and though in our successes we may laugh over the bugbear reputations we have ourselves built up for undeserving men, yet those reputations will stick until the day comes when unrelenting history takes up the pen and scratches out all false bedizening.

Emancipation in Missouri.

The moral victories of the nation in this war are less observed and gloried in than the victories won on the battle-field, but they are still of surpassing grandeur and importance. One of the noblest of these triumphs was achieved when the State of Missouri, the young giant of the West, through its own State Convention, inaugurated a scheme for the emancipation of its slaves. It was a victory whose sweep is greater than the capture of Vicksburgh—whose influence will extend further into time than the opening of the Mississippi, and whose glory will be imperishable—enduring even when American power has become a story of the past. It is indeed the greatest act, or fact, so far, in this whole war, except, it may be, the uprising of the people at its commencement.

An admirable discourse on the subject was delivered in St. Louis, by Rev. Dr. ELIOT, on the Sunday after the 4th of July. Its comprehensive and sagacious views, its moderate and conservative spirit, its patriotic tone, its vigorous and lucid statement, commend it to general attention, not only in St. Louis, but throughout the land. For the benefit of our readers we give a few of its passages.

After characterizing the Act of Emancipation as the most important event in the history of Missouri—after stating that the act has the singular praise of "not exactly pleasing anybody"—after giving his own opinion that the ordinance is too slow in its operation, and that it would have been better to have ended Slavery now than to postpone the event till 1870—he goes on to remark:

"But I would speak as the lover of freedom and of peace; as a citizen who would submit to law; as a man of common sense, who would take things as they are, and make the best of them; as a Christian, who would do as I would be done by. Very seldom, in this world, do we get things exactly as we would wish them. The correction of abuses, the removal of social evils, the improvement of society, in whatever direction, are always difficult undertakings, and the philanthropist or statesman who expects to accomplish such works in a manner perfectly satisfactory, either to himself or to anybody else, may be very earnest and benevolent, but is very far from being reasonable or wise.

One thing we can confidently say, however much fault we may find with the deferred and tardy action, that this act of emancipation is the quickest and most radical that any community ever passed *for themselves or by their representatives.* We must remember that emancipation acts have generally been enforced by some extraneous or arbitrary power, and not by those whose interest were directly affected and their property taken away. A parliament emancipates for its colonies, an emperor for his subjects, perhaps against their protests, and also with partial compensation for their loss. This is a different thing from a people agreeing to emancipate their serfs or slaves, from motives of patriotism or humanity, or even from those of self-interest. The love of power is the strongest in the human heart, and very few men are willing, from any motive, to relinquish power once possessed. They cling to it however troublesome and costly, and some men at the most ruinous sacrifice. This is true of individuals, and much more so of communities. There is no other instance on record, so far as my knowledge extends, of so near an approach to the voluntary abandonment of the power, the social distinction and immunity from labor, which the system of domestic Slavery uncontestedly confers. It is easy enough for the non-slaveholder to see not only the wrong, but the unprofitableness of the system, and he may logically prove that the quickest way to get rid of it is the best. But the slaveholder has been educated not to see the wrong, and so to the unprofitableness he either denies or does not care for it; while convenience and custom and the habit of authority and the ingratitude to labor and many other considerations lead him, by almost irresistible potency, to exactly opposite conclusions. Even the considerations of philanthropy, as he has learned to regard them, take sides with self-interest, and thus all the common motives of human action combine to prevent him from emancipation. The wonder then should not be at the slowness of action, or the deferred consummation of freedom. We should rather say and I, for one, do say, that in the whole record of such social changes, Missouri now stands *first* and *foremost.* You may say that her offering on the altar of freedom has not been perfect, nor such as the untrammeled lovers of freedom might have desired. But taking human nature as it is, and looking to history for our interpretation of it, we say that this ordinance of prospective emancipation, however imperfect, is the grandest proof ever given by any people of their willingness to give up whatever may be required for their country's good. If the act should be cordially approved by the majority of the people, as I think it will be, except by those who wish for more rather than less, it will be the most remarkable evidence of change and progress in public opinion that the world ever witnessed. Missouri will have put to utter shame the halting loyalty of communities to which the war has been a harvest of wealth, while to her it has been the season of destruction. With her devastated fields and her depopulated towns and villages, under the necessity of defending herself from internal foes, while she has sent more than her quota of men for the common safety, she meets the demands of the time and surrenders a cherished right, with natural reluctance, but still with unconforced obedience. There may be something to find fault with in such action, but there is much more to admire.

There is another thing to be considered, and which in these tumultuous, stirring times, we are apt to forget. As a general rule, great social changes, to be well made, must be deliberately and slowly accomplished. Let them be made in whatever way you please, incidental evils must occur. Whether you will attempt the principles of the French Revolution, by which everything was overturned at one sweep, or that of English reform, by which a century

[illegible] voluntary labor to do a year's work, a vast deal of individual suffering and loss is sure to result. While those who seek for the undiscovered and invisible may collect the potent medium, are equally sure to experience some of the inconvenience of both place, by meeting the worst evils of each. But it remains true, however exceptional these times may be, that the dispersal of free much more are at least equally great with those of protection, though over-cautious policy. The present evils of change will be cured by time, and will probably have ceased, almost, if not altogether, by the lapse of ten years. How short a time in the life of a community, in the history of a State!

If the progress of popular feeling goes on, as for the last twelve months, the actual emancipation will be long in advance of the ordinance. Slavery in Missouri will be, in two or three years, nothing but a name. Its power is already destroyed, its actual presence with respect to slaves. Very few slaves will be held in bondage in the State from this time forward, except where the bonds are made to fight that these held to service are intended to remain. It will become quite as much a contract as an obligation, and those who wish to retain any advantages of the system will be compelled, for their own sake, and by the spirit of the age, to make the advantages reciprocal.

The condition of those held to service will be continually ameliorated. The provisions of the ordinance of emancipation, some of which are by no means clear, and are almost self-contradictory, will receive the interpretation most favorable to freedom. In the year 1876, slavery, in any proper definition of the word, absolutely ceases; and by the fact of that anticipated action its nature and meaning are essentially changed, even at the present time, and by the coming of the end.

Let it not be forgotten that the soil of Missouri is from this day forward *free soil*. No slave can be imported here, for the "genius of universal emancipation" takes possession of the State. Freedom in the law of the land, with whatever imperfections of detail.

A new era has begun—a new direction to affairs has been given. The ax has been laid at the root of that which is now a forbidden tree, and of which we can truly say, that its fruit brought death into our world, and all our woe. The tree may stand for awhile, and for a season or two throw out its leaves, and have the appearance of life; but it has been effectually girdled; the life-giving sap no more ascends from the generous soil; no fruit will hereafter be found upon its decaying branches; and in a little while it will fall by its own weight, and give place to a healthier vegetation.

From whatever point of view we regard the subject, the same glorious fact more and more reveals itself. The principle of freedom and of free labor has been asserted. It is not enough to say that Missouri *will* be a free State. To all intents and purposes she is such already, and only waits the passage of a few years to enjoy all the immunities and privileges of freedom. The more I consider it, the less importance attaches to the imperfections of the ordinance, whether real or imagined, and the more do I feel that we should be patient until time works the cure. In such career it is the first step that costs. It is the principle for which men contend, and by gaining this we have gained the victory. We thank God that we have lived to see it, and to share in the rejoicing. We thank God that out of all our sufferings and losses, this great good has been educed. The suffering and loss will be forgotten, but the blessings of freedom will more and more abound. We must not expect to escape the vexations and annoyances which are inseparable from social revolution, but to our children we shall bequeath a better condition of things, a grander field of enterprise, a future full of hope. The people that sat in darkness have seen a marvelous light. It is not yet the full light of noonday, but it is good, working daylight, with a brightening hope for the future.

Much as I love freedom, and highly as I prize its promised advantages to the State, it is now doubly precious, because, by establishing it as the law of the land, a most important step has been taken toward established peace and quiet. No victory on the battle-field would be so important in the general conduct of the war, as the moral victory which Missouri has now girded herself to win. And, still more certainly, among ourselves, within our own borders, here in our neighborhoods and social communities, the great cause of social strife is passing away. In the name of all humanity, let it pass away to be forgotten.

Oh, how weary we are of the enmities and strife, the envy, malice and uncharitableness, the malediction and recriminations, the sunderings of friendship and the severing of families, and the thousand unnatural ills that civil war has engendered! All hail, this brightening hope of brotherhood and peace!"

GENERAL MILITARY MATTERS.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST.

Gen. CANBY is rapidly familiarizing himself with his Department. He has already inspected Forts Schuyler and Wood, and visited David's Island, and proposes to complete his tour of observation before altering any of the present dispositions of force.

A NEW REGIMENT.

Under General Orders No. 110, Col. JOHN GRIFFIN is organizing a regiment, which, by direction of Adj.-Gen. JOHN T. SPRAGUE, will be styled the Twenty-ninth regiment New-York Volunteers. The regiment will serve in the United States army for three years, and the following officers have been appointed: Colonel, JOHN GRIFFIN; Lieutenant-Colonel, GEO. A. BURNIS; Major, C. W. CHENEY; Adjutant, FRED. HARMON; Quartermaster, CHAS. GEISER. The headquarters of the regiment are in the City, and the Colonel is given until the 25th of October, at which time he is to report seven hundred and fifty men to Col. LAWRENCE, or the authority to raise the regiment will be taken from him.

EN ROUTE FOR NEW-YORK.

The regiment of brave men which was gallantly led by the lamented Col. CROSS, of the Fifth New-Hampshire, is on its way from the army, to the Granite State. It will pass through this City, and possibly stay here a few days. Its special duty is the guarding of the Draft Officers, the enforcing of the draft if necessary, and the marching off of the conscripts.

REMARKABLE RECRUITING.

It is stated at headquarters that the month of July has been most prolific in recruits for the regular service. Up to the 1st of August nearly twelve hundred men availed themselves of the liberal bounties and enlisted for the regular time of service. A thousand of the recruits were fresh men, while some two hundred were veteran volunteers, who having rested a few months found it impossible to forget the fascinations of the camp and field.

RESULT OF THE COURT OF INQUIRY AT STATEN ISLAND.

The following order on the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry was issued on Saturday:

NEW-YORK, Aug. 1, 1863.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 309.—The Court of Inquiry which convened at Sprague Barracks, New Dorp, S. I., pursuant to Special Orders No. 756, from these headquarters, and of which Col. CLEVELAND WINSLOW, Fifth regiment New-York State Volunteers, was President, "to investigate the conduct of the officers of the Eleventh regiment New-York State Volunteers, in charge of the detachment at the time of the trouble at Vanderbilt's Landing, Staten Island," having recommended that the authorizations of Capt. JOHN CANBY and Lieut. THOMAS CARROLL be revoked; that Lieut. W. E. FIRMAN be brought before a General Court-Martial; that Sergeant N. H. TOWER, acting Lieutenant at the time, is considered unfit to hold the position of an officer:

The proceedings and recommendations in the case of JOHN CANBY and THOMAS CARROLL are approved, and their authorization as officers of the Eleventh regiment, New-York State Volunteers, is revoked.

In the case of Sergt. N. H. TOWER, Company A, Eleventh regiment, New-York State Volunteers, his authority as acting Lieutenant is revoked, and he will remain in arrest for trial by General Court-martial.

In the case of First Lieut. W. E. FIRMAN, Company A, Eleventh regiment, New-York State Volunteers, he will consider himself under arrest, to await his trial by General Court-martial.

The Court of Inquiry, of which Col. WINSLOW was President, is dissolved. R. S. LANSING,
Colonel Commanding New-York Troops.

The proceedings and recommendations of the Court of Inquiry ordered by Col. LANSING, commanding New-York troops, to investigate the conduct of the officers in charge of the detachment of the Eleventh regiment New-York State Volunteers, in the recent affray at Vanderbilt's Landing, are approved.

All the recommendations will be carried into effect.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief.

(Signed) JOHN T. SPRAGUE,
Adjutant-General.

(Official) R. S. LANSING,
Colonel Commanding New-York troops.

Official Inspection of the Streets.

In accordance with an invitation from the City Inspector's Office, quite a number of gentlemen proceeded, in company with Mr. BOOTS, upon a tour of inspection through the City, yesterday afternoon. They were requested to select the localities which they wished to examine, and saying "the very worst," it was not long before the carriages were rolling over the disordered cobble-stones of Elm-street, and the various Five Points thoroughfares. The streets and gutters were found to be remarkably clean, the Sixth Ward, in fact, hardly being recognizable. Upon streets that six months ago would have been considered models of neatness, the sweepers were hard at work, seeking to scrape up an extra load, and the well-lined gutters gave evidence of general attention. Nothing could have more pleased the visiting party than a sight of the old pest-hole clean, for it was as clean—cleaner, in fact—than some other portions of the City, where there was, apparently, a much better opportunity to exercise the hoe and broom.

From the Sixth Ward the party went to the Fourth, Roosevelt-street and the adjacent thoroughfares were found to be as clean, as it will be ever possible to get them. The whole ward, in fact, exhibited evidence of care. The same may be said of the First Ward, except in those places where improvable carts and horses are kept standing all day, waiting for loads. In these localities it is found impossible to remove the dirt, and the City Inspector kindly to have a night corps organized for operation in all side streets where day labor cannot be used to advantage.

The Third and Fifth Wards were next inspected, and found unexceptionable, except the streets in the former near the markets. On these the farmers who reach town early transact business, and the refuse from the great number of wagons creates an abominable nuisance. Mr. BOOTS intends to secure the passage of an ordinance regulating the use of the streets by farmers, in such a manner that his duty can be performed without interference by them.

In the upper wards, everything was a model of neatness. For blocks it would have been found impossible to scrape up a load of dirt. The Eleventh and Seventeenth Wards, formerly peculiarly dirty, were extraordinarily clean, and it was entirely evident that the whole City is in an excellent condition. The amount of labor performed in the last five weeks can be, in a degree, estimated, when it is stated that nearly one million four hundred thousand loads of dirt, ashes and garbage have been removed from the streets.

The party were much pleased with the inspection and unanimously agreed that the City Inspector had fulfilled his pledge in converting the office he holds, of thoroughly cleaning our long-neglected City.

The Draft.

A dispatch from Washington announcing that the draft would be resumed in this City on Monday next, proves, on inquiry at the Provost-Marshal's office in this City, to be incorrect. Provost-Marshal NUGENT has received no instructions to that effect, and, indeed, it would be impossible to resume the draft to-morrow, for the reason that no buildings have been secured in place of those burned by the mob, in which to make the drawing. The probabilities are, however, that it will be resumed early in the week. The Provost-Marshal has been directed to erect temporary quarters for the purpose, in case he is unable to procure suitable buildings. Whenever the authorities at Washington order the draft to be resumed, a notice to that effect will be published in all the papers. It is possible that the draft will begin by Wednesday or Thursday of this week, but not before. The Government will be amply prepared to put down all opposition to the enforcement of the draft and to protect United States property in the City, but further than that they will have nothing to do in suppressing mobs, unless their interposition is asked for by the State or City authorities. It is the duty of the State and municipal authorities to protect the lives and property of the citizens against murderers, incendiaries, thieves and plunderers, such as roved through the streets during the late riots; and if the people of this City have not sufficient interest at stake to protect themselves, or to compel the proper authorities to protect them, they must submit to whatever consequences may ensue.

Death of Mr. Reynolds, the Comedian.

To the many familiar names that Death has clasped his shears during the present year must be added, we regret to say, that of Mr. REYNOLDS—the actor. Mr. REYNOLDS will be well and kindly remembered by the frequenters of Mr. WALLACK's theatre. He has been for many years a valuable, reliable and excellent member of its company. During the past season he appeared on almost every night, and it was generally remarked that his various impersonations were characterized by more than ordinary spirit and intelligence. His powers had ripened beneath the genial influence of public favor, and his career on the nobler altitudes of art had fairly commenced. The apothegm of the Latin poet—*Ars longa vita brevis*—applies sadly to his case. The road had been long and dreary, but the goal was in sight when death stepped between him and the object of his ambition. There are but few details of the calamity. It was purely accidental. Mr. REYNOLDS, it seems, went out bathing at Keyport, N. J., Thursday last. He was alone, having separated from some friends for the express purpose of enjoying the water. Some time afterward these friends returned to the spot where Mr. REYNOLDS had entered. They found his clothes, but the unfortunate owner was not to be seen. From that time to the present nothing has been heard of the unhappy gentleman. He was an expert swimmer, and it is conjectured, therefore, that he must have been seized with cramp, or been carried out beyond the possibility of return by a treacherous undertow. His death will be lamented by a large circle of personal friends, and the professional loss to Mr. WALLACK will not be easily replaced. Mr. REYNOLDS was a native of Pennsylvania, and about 35 years of age.

Homicide in the Sixth Ward.

A MAN STABBED THROUGH THE HEART AND INSTANTLY KILLED.

Two persons named JOHN HUNT, an American, and SALVATOR J. ALINA, an Italian, had an altercation at No. 37 Park-street, at a late hour last evening, which resulted in the death of the former. The facts in the case, as reported by the police, are that HUNT began the difficulty by asserting that he could whip any man in the crowd. ALINA, who was passing through the hallway at the time, heard the remark, and replied, "Come in here and I will see whether you can or not." Upon this deceased ran after him, and the parties came together in the back yard. ALINA broke away and ran up stairs, while HUNT returned to the passage-way. The Italian came down shortly afterward, and the conversation was renewed very angrily. The parties came together, and in the momentum HUNT was heard to exclaim, "I am stabbed," or "I am murdered." ALINA ran away. HUNT was taken up by Officer MULLIGAN, of the Sixth Precinct, and conveyed to the City Hospital. He died soon after being admitted. ALINA is still at large, but Capt. JOCKMAN thinks he will have him today. The Coroner's inquest in the case will be held this morning.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

FIRE AND LOSS OF LIFE.—Between 11 and 12 o'clock on Friday night, a fire broke out in the hat factory of J. STEWART & Co., corner of De Kalb and Kent avenues. A large portion of the contents were destroyed, and the building was considerably damaged. A serious accident occurred in Myrtle-avenue, near Duffield-street, involving the death of one man and, serious and, perhaps, fatal injuries to two others, caused by racing engines on the railroad track—a practice which, of late, has been extensively indulged in, and which has, within the past two weeks, resulted in the death of two persons, besides the one killed yesterday. It appears that Engine Company No. Nineteen came in collision with Hook and Ladder No. Two, and such was the force of the concussion, that ISAAC T. WHEELER, belonging to the Truck Company, was run over and sustained a fracture of the skull, and one arm broken. HENRY STARK, of the same Company, had his collar bone broken, and PHILLIP SHANNON had one of his legs badly fractured. The latter were taken to the City Hospital. WHEELER was conveyed to his residence, No. 223 Jay-street, where he died in a few hours thereafter. An inquest will be held upon the body this afternoon by Coroner NUGENT. The damage to the property was about $1,200, mostly insured in the Lafayette Insurance Company of Brooklyn. The fire is supposed to have been caused by accident.

THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. SMITH.—The body of the late Lieut.-Col. ABEL SMITH, Jr., of the One Hundred and Sixty-fifth regiment, N. Y. S. V., which arrived on the transport *Metamora* on Thursday, was yesterday taken from the vessel and conveyed to the residence of his relatives, No. 309 Lorimer-street, E. D. The deceased was wounded in the assault upon Port Hudson, on the 27th of May last. He was conveyed to New-Orleans, and placed in the Hotel Dieu, where he died on the 23d of June. The remains were in charge of a Captain and Orderly of his regiment. His battle-horse was brought on in the same vessel. The funeral of deceased will take place on Monday next, on which occasion the Twelfth regiment, formerly commanded by his father, with other military organizations, will parade. The flags on the City Hall were displayed at half-mast in honor of his memory.

THE ATLANTIC DOCKS.—A police force, consisting of twenty-two men, including officers, has just been organized by the Atlantic Dock Company, to guard the store-houses and other property about the Docks. The recent incendiary fire has impelled the Company to take this course, there not being a regular police force sufficient to patrol one-half the city as it should be, even in times when no outbreak is apprehended. Capt. THORNTON, of the Eighth Ward Police, has resigned his position to take the Captaincy of the Atlantic Dock Police.

BOY DROWNED.—A child named TERRENCE BARRESTON, was accidentally drowned in the canal foot of Carroll-street, yesterday morning. He was about 7 years of age. The body was recovered soon afterward, and an inquest was held by Coroner NUGENT. Verdict in accordance.

GEN. SPINOLA.—Gen. SPINOLA, of the Excelsior brigade, who was severely wounded in the recent engagement at Manassas Gap, arrived in the city on Friday, accompanied by several members of his staff.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT YALE.

Annual Meeting—The Graduating Class—Business—Orators—Insurrection—Sermon—Recitation and Society.

Correspondence of the New-York Times.

NEW-HAVEN, Friday, July 31, 1863.

To the citizens of this place, and indeed of many others, commencement week can never lose its excitement and interest, no matter what may be the condition of other affairs. The commencement exercises at old Yale this year, though not so well attended as in larger years, are nevertheless pretty well listened to. The principal reason for the exercises this year not being so well attended is that presentation week is June, with its drolleries and noisy comic performances, presents a much more varied and agreeable attraction, especially to the young; again, so many of the sons of Yale are away, busily engaged among the stern duties called forth by this war, serving their country in a more active and apparent sense than when immersed knee-deep among the classics. Still the hotels are crowded, and many friends who have not seen each other for years are exchanging greetings at the old resorts, and reviving memories half buried in the busy cares of life. Electioneering—thanks to the competition of the two Literary Societies of Linonia and Brothers in Unity—goes briskly on among the prospective Freshmen. The corporation of the College, consisting of the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Senators, and the venerable and hard-featured Congregational clergymen, are soberly performing the routine business prepared for them by the Faculty, and altogether the College vicinity is swarming with cheerful faces and black coats.

Wednesday and Thursday of this week were the two days the most attractive. Indeed pretty much all the exercises of general interest were concentrated in them. On Tuesday morning, Rev. THEO. WOOLSEY, LL. D., President of the College, delivered a very impressive and interesting Baccalaureate sermon. The Church was well filled, and he was listened to with the utmost attention. On Tuesday evening, the *Concio ad Clerum* took place at the North Church. The pulpit was occupied by Drs. DUTTON and DUDLEY and Rev. N. J. BURGESS, of Hartford, who all made remarks *ad fratrum*. Rev. Mr. BURGESS delivered the sermon; subject, "The Christian Sabbath." On Wednesday the most interesting of any of the Commencement exercises, namely, the Alumni meeting, took place. The meeting this year was more than usually spirited, owing to the stirring patriotic sentiments that ran through all the brief speeches. At the opening the graduates of the Class of 1813, and of Classes before that date, were invited to take seats upon the platform, and about twenty of the finest looking old men in the world occupied this place of honor. Rev. Dr. DWIGHT, of Portland, was chosen Permanent Chairman, and WILLIAM S. ALEXZ, Esq., of Tennessee, was appointed Associate Secretary, Rev. Dr. DUTTON being the regular officer of the Alumni. The roll of the dead was read by Dr. DUTTON, after which followed remarks by the Chairman, President WOOLSEY, Rev. Dr. ADAMS, Dr. BACON, Prof. TRACHER, Maj.-Gen. ROSEAN ANDERSON, who was present, Mr. MARSH, Prof. LINDE and others. Touching allusion was made to the memory of the late Admiral FOOTE; also to Ex-President DAY, now on the verge of his 90th year, and a resolution complimentary to him, was passed. Prof. TRACHER made a statement of the endowment to the College of $30,000 by JOSEPH BATTELL, Esq., for the erection of a new Chapel. He also made a statement of a recent donation of $30,000 by SIMEON B. CHITTENDEN, of New-York, for the endowment of a College pastorate.

At 1½ the members formed in procession and marched to the North Church, where an address on the importance and bearing of historical studies was delivered by CHARLES J. STILLE, Esq., of the Class of '79. In the evening an oration was delivered before the Phi Beta Kappa Society in the North Church, by Rev. EDWARD BEECHER, D. D., formerly President of Illinois College. All over the city the houses were lighted up, and hundreds of pleasant, social gatherings, followed by walks home through the uncertain moonlight, filled up the evening hours. The various class "messes" had much of the element of sorrow as well as exultation, for there is not one that has not suffered by losses of brave and good men in the struggle our country is making to establish law and peace. The New-Haven House people got up three splendid suppers, and the Tontine, too, had its hands full in that line of business. The class of which Maj.-Gen. ROSEKRANS was a member, met at his house, and the party at President WOOLSEY's was one of the very happiest affairs connected with all the College ceremonies.

But Thursday was after all the day, and all New-Haven seemed to have congregated around the doors of the Centre Church some time before their opening. The various orations were very well delivered, and apparently very interesting to those who listened all through. The Valedictory oration, by LEANDER THEWANNEN CHAMBERLAIN, West Brookfield, Mass., was a finished, masterly and touching piece of elocution. The following is a list of the oration men:

Salutatory—William Haskell, George W. Banks, William C. Reed, Orlando G. Bump, Henry Hulbert Ingersoll, Samuel Hemmington, Joseph C. Kennedian, George S. Hamlin, Thomas M. Hinkle, Henry G. Dimond, George W. Allen, Wilber Ives, Henry W. Scott; Poem—Henry E. Cooley; Philosophical—George E. Lounsbury, Horace W. Fowler, Howard Kingsbury, John H. Butler, Chas. S. Sheldon, Charles C. Blatchley, Horace Bumstead, Thomas A. Emerson, Frederick J. Barnard, Samuel Hollingsworth, George C. Shepard Southworth, Cyrus W. Francis, David B. Ferry; Valedictory—Leander T. Chamberlain.

The graduating class numbers this year 120 members, so I will not send you a list of the names. The degree of M. A. was conferred upon David Sheldon Edwards, Levi Ward Smith, Anthony Quinton Keasby, Moses Tyler, Eben G. Scott, J. A. Cooper, D. S. Potter.

Class of 1860—Erastus Chittenden Beach, George Lewis Beers, William Merrick Bristoll, Oscar Mortimer Carrier, Henry Champion, Frederick Leonard Chapell, Frederick Henry Cossitt, Joseph Leonard Daniels, Henry C. Roe, Edward Brown Furbish, Edw. Linus Gaul, George Nelson Greene, David L. Hulburt, William Henry Hale, William Henry Hurlburt, Sidmon Thorn Keese, William Ingraham Kip, William McAlpin, Edward DeCost McKay, Othniel Charles Marsh, Edward Gay Mason, Charles H. Owen, George Dwight Phelps, Henry Ward Slater, Lemuel Tripp Willcox, Lewis Sedam Worthington.

Ph. B.

Watson Andrews Goodyear, Arnoldum Hayne, Ignacio M. Megia.

Ph. D.

Josiah Willard Gibbs, William Henry Hale, Lewis Richard Packard.

LL. B.

Horace Atwell Brown, Henry Champion, John Palmer Ellis, Joseph George Morton, Richard Thompson Semmes, Lucius Bement Tuttle.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

M. D.

Judson B. Andrews, Mechanicsville, N. Y.
Albert G. Browning, Woodstock.
Henry S. Cornwell, New-London.
Marcus B. Fisk, Stafford.
Newton B. Hall, Branford.
Thomas M. Hills, New-Haven.
Cyrus E. Hamilton, Cheshire.
Chas. G. G. Merrill, Newburyport, Mass.
William C. Minor, New-Haven.
William B. North, New-Britain.
Charles J. Tennant, Franklin, N. Y.
Frederic S. Treadway, New-Haven.
Franklin B. Tuttle, Naugatuck.

HONORARY DEGREES.

A. B.

David G. Porter, (1807.)

A. M.

Rev. Nathaniel W. T. Root, (1822.)
Rev. Samuel Jessup, (1850.)

LL. D.

Rev. Pres. Hill, of Harvard University.

A number of the Societies had their meetings and suppers in the evening, and afterward they went around serenading, so that New-Haven was quite lively. And so ends Commencement week—a day never to be forgotten, until it returns against next year. E. W. R.

WORKINGMEN'S UNION.—At the last meeting of the Union the following officers were elected and installed:

E. P. McDermott, (Plasterers') Presiding; J. J. Blair, (Machinists') Vice-President; E. Kerr, (Brooklyn Plasterers') 1st Secretary; J. J. Burby, (Carpenters') 2d Secretary; W. McClure, (Machinists') Treasurer; Lemuel Powell, (Carpenters') Sergeant-at-Arms.

FIRE YESTERDAY.—About noon yesterday, Messrs. MYERS & SON'S Varnish Factory, No. 240 W. 40th street, was damaged by fire to the amount of $400.

SECESSIONIST IN REBELDOM.

An Interesting Private Letter—Murmurs Against Jeff. Davis' Administration.

From the Baltimore American.

The following letter was captured during the recent cavalry expedition into North Carolina, and is sent to us by a Union officer, into whose hands it fell. It is evidently the production of a person of much intelligence, and probably of high social position in the rebel Confederacy. The views it gives of the prevailing feeling at Richmond are deeply interesting:

RICHMOND, July 14, 1863.

MY DEAR SON: Since the adjournment I have called here on business. Much change has occurred in public sentiment as well as in the condition of the country since you were here. We have fallen on evil times. Disaster on disaster stunes the public sense. A deep gloom oppresses the country. The despondency does not proceed from lack of fortitude to bear the ordinary reverses of war, for the nation met calmly the repeated disasters of the spring of 1862, down to the time when the news of Jackson scattered the gloom by the flashes of his victorious guns at Romney and through the Valley. No, everywhere they will tell you they are despondent, because the conviction has forced itself on them that *good and proven mediocrities are chiefly bearable in a course they cannot reach, at least in time to avert those the future threatens*; that further efforts of blood and treasure will but go to swell the bulletins of the CRAWS and ROSECRANSES, for whom the name or other imbeciles will be sent to prepare the sacrifice. You will find some of the papers, (mostly the official sheets,) insulting the Southern people by appeals to their constancy under reverses, by invocations to strengthen the hands of the Government and renew our confidence in its wisdom, by extenuating our disasters, as due rather to the ordinary vicissitudes of war than to the fatal agency of perverse rulers and incompetent instruments. It is too sad to have the public intelligence and patriotism outraged by such twaddle—our just complaints and fears treated as the whims of children, with gentle rebuke. With such manifestations in no significance in the near unanimity of all people of all parties in support of the cause—of their noble sacrifice of life and treasure, *continued to the point nearly of exhaustion*—of their gallantry and devotion through the perils and privations of war, and, worse than all, the sneers and arrogance of power. Confidence in a Government is not so easily restored when once lost—at first it was unbounded. Congress abdicated some of its constitutional powers, and abased its legislation to meet the demands of an imperious and exacting President. Members of Cabinet sunk from their high offices as constitutional advisers into mere puppets, registers of his will, generally, in a spirit of slavery, but mistaken patriotism, to secure the unity and strength of the Executive for a vigorous war, as was plausibly urged; and acceded to demands for doubtful powers rather than possibly damage the cause by revelations of discord in the Government. And all for what, but to *state him irresponsible to any tribunal, and utterly defiant of public opinion*. The man who of all others, should be most imbued with the self-sacrificing and ennobling sentiment which underlies our efforts, seems unable to rise to the level of its requirements. If the cause were paramount with him, his agents would be measured solely by their capacity to benefit it. There could be no room in a great heart and mind, occupied and filled with the grandeur of the issue, for vices monopolized by weak and brainless rulers. Republication of Democratic personal favorites or otherwise—lawless dismissers agents who have lost the confidence of army or people, and if he retains CRAIG, STARTON and HALLECK, it is because their measurable success in finance and war, justifies their retention against party clamor. But no display of incompetency and consequent disaster—no public opinion, however general and authoritative—have as yet operated to enthrone one of DAVIS' pets. BRAGG was experimented for not another month, after driving him from Kentucky, while BRAGG was confessed for defeating the just expectations of the country, and preserved in command to receive another defeat from ROSECRANS. So with PEMBERTON, another instance of rapid promotion without a solitary display, in field or council, of ability to justify it. Removed from Charleston for official recommendations, so pernicious as to be rebuked by Gen. LEE, he is sent, with *another promotion*, to a more important post, as if the President expected inspiration from another star to the collar. At Vicksburgh, with a natural feeling of exultation at the endurance of the garrison has subsided, the question will arise, how came the disaster about? The opinion to be just must be founded on facts. Indiscriminate praise or blame will not redeem the past or secure us from future reverses. From the very best statements PEMBERTON had a force of fully 40,000 troops. GRANT moved on him from Grand Gulf with only 30,000 (afterward increased to 50,000 when he invested Vicksburgh) men, because a larger force, with the increased impediments, would have interfered with the celerity of movement, on which his success greatly depended. The route of GRANT offered many natural obstacles, rivers, &c., which, with the aid of slight field-works, would have tended to neutralize the disparity of force. Massing 30,000 men (10,000 being left in Vicksburgh as sufficient garrison) behind such positions would have delayed, if not repulsed GRANT. Delay even of a few days was of vital importance. Johnston would have been enabled to come up with reinforcements, and the stores from Jackson and the contiguous country could have been thrown into Vicksburgh. Instead, however, of this, it seems that PEMBERTON weakened his army by detachments from it to impede the enemy's advance, which, of course, were instantly overwhelmed and scattered through the country. Jackson fell with all its stores, which could not be removed or destroyed by us, and finally PEMBERTON had to meet GRANT with an army weakened, as before stated, and suffering a disastrous defeat with heavy loss of prisoners and guns, fled into Vicksburgh. Then questions naturally arise—why was the important Grand Gulf not fortified in time in the long period of his command? Why deferred use till the approach of the enemy made unmounted guns and munitions an easy prey? Why was Vicksburgh caught with insufficient supplies? GRANT's object was known months before. The contiguous (to say nothing of the stores lost at Jackson) country abounded in supplies. Why not six months instead of forty days' rations? And why, above all, as PEMBERTON must have known the condition of his commissariat, did he crowd fully 30,000 men into it, in consequence of its wants for defence, to consume its scanty supplies, or become food for powder and disease? The impregnable character of the works went for naught, and GRANT, who had evidently penetrated PEMBERTON's want of providence, made the issue rest on hunger instead of assault. Hence, we find but one general assault, and the endurance rather than the bravery of the garrison saved. When defeated, he should have retreated on the Mississippi, for the above, and other reasons, for it is now absolutely certain that by not doing so he not only destroyed all hope of rescue from Johnston, but also precipitated the fall of Vicksburgh by the superserviceable troops he threw into it. The Government had thought PEMBERTON's force sufficient, and hence JOHNSTON was sent, with no force of his own, beyond 2,000 or 3,000 men, but to take command of PEMBERTON's army in consequence of the shaky Government at the last moment began to feel keenly his important responsibility and incompetency. To create a new army of 25,000 men, from an exhausted country, and weak as well as distant points—upon the spur of the occasion, was even more than could be expected; but to dash them, mostly militia, on GRANT's 90,000, intrenched front and rear, and with a river in front, would have argued mere recklessness. Upon these facts the judgment of the country must rest, whether this *first* dismissal of quality in the field, coupled with his counsels at Charleston, sustain or not his first, and the confidence of the President in maintaining him at so important a point. That PEMBERTON is brave and loyal enough, there is no doubt; but that is no more than may be said of every officer and man who shared the siege. Something more is required of a General than mere bravery and loyalty, the absence of which would be a reproach—their presence a matter of course. No man would think of complimenting another because he had a nose in his face; while, without one, he might be thought below the ordinary standard of humanity. A hasty public opinion was, at first, disposed to supersede to his generally-asserted incompetency the want of good faith and courage; but this was idle, for few men are so recreant to position and interest. And now some of the same hasty sort seem to be so gratified that he did not actually betray the fortress, or take to one of its caves with the women and children, that they are disposed to consider the disaster—because it has not more flagrant by being spiced with these additions. But such will not be the sober verdict of the country. There are some blunders which amount to crimes, and in the gravity of their consequences do not admit of that atonement which merely exposes their author to the perils and privations into which his want of qualification has constrained others. In conclusion, I observe around me an impatience, mingled with subdued resentment, which forbids, unless at the expense of a counter-revolution, the continuance of Mr. DAVIS' education at military prodigis at the probable sacrifice of the life and resources, as well as the cause of the country. Our military friend, whose letters and general information enable him to speak with authority on such matters, has given me many of the facts in this letter. They agree in the main with the intelligent opinion hereabouts.

I have to urge on your attention the matter of which I wrote you last, and our friend D. will be able to strengthen it by many new facts. The mails are so out of joint, and the enemy such frequent visitors of our lines of communication, that I intend this to our mutual friend C., who will pass your post-office, and will mail it. With usual signature, I am, with your address, most cordially and truly yours, MOTLTRIE.

THE TURF.

The Great Trotting Match on Fashion Course—Gen. Butler against Dutchman's Time.

Yesterday, Aug. 1, 1863, the black gelding Gen. Butler ran against time for fast time in his trotting matches against the celebrated stallion George M. Patchen) trotted his match against time on the Fashion Course; his owner backing him to trot three miles in harness in less than 7 minutes 22½ seconds, that time having been made, under the saddle, by the famous trotting horse Dutchman, on the 1st of August, 1838, just twenty-four years ago. The match was made by Butler's owner, who took the odds of two to one—or $300 to $150—that Butler would beat it. The backer of time against the horse.

The ground of the race was kept nicely rammed up by the first wagon, or follower; Butler was driven by Dan Mann. The first mile was done in 2:30½, with scant a break; in the second mile he spurted before and after he passed the 1/4 pole, but soon caught each time very quickly, and finished the two miles in 5m. 00s.; in the third mile he broke very badly on the back stretch, and twice again between the half and three-quarter poles, (the effect of which can be seen in the timetable at these points,) and made the mile in 2:31.24, thus losing the race by 1½ seconds and a fraction, and not equaling *Flora Temple's* performance of the same distance, by 8½ seconds. For the first 2½ miles Butler was accompanied by a running horse under saddle, and at the last ½ mile Butler had another horse and rider for company to hurry him up; but all would not do; some thought that Mann went the first mile too fast, and beat himself.

RECAPITULATION.

Fashion Pleasure Grounds, Aug. 1, 1863. Match—Roman To Jesse beta $300, that *Gen. Butler*, in harness, will not beat *Dutchman's* time three miles, under saddle, in 7:22½; owner backs *Butler* for $250 that he will do it within 7:22½.

	Time of the race.	1st qr.	2d qr.	3d qr.	4th qr.	Min.
First mile	2:31	34½	35½	36½	36½	2:30½
Second mile	2:34	37½	38	37½	39½	2:30½
Third mile	2:36	39½	38	38	38	2:34
Total						7:35

THE NEWS PACKAGES BY THE MORNING STAR.—We are greatly indebted to Westcott's Express for the promptly delivery of our newspaper files from New-Orleans, brought by the steamship *Morning Star*, which run ashore at Long Branch.

ROBBERY OF GOLD.—A bag containing $600 in gold was stolen yesterday morning from the window of the broker's office, William and Exchange Place. The thief raised the sash, grabbed it, and made good his escape.

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DIED.

FUNERAL.—The members of City Lodge, No. 409, F. and A. M., and the fraternity in general, are requested to appear at the Lodge Room, corner of Grand and Centre sts., this day, (Sunday,) Aug. 2, at 12½ o'clock P. M., to pay the last tribute of respect to our late Brother, Lieut. WILLIAM LOGAN HERBERT, who fell in defence of the Union, at the memorable battle of Gettysburgh.

By order, A. GERSHON, W. M.
LIONEL JACOBS, Secretary.

BOYD.—In Alfic, HORATIO HERBY BOYD, in the 30th year of his age.

Funeral.—On Friday, July 31, of wounds received in the attack on Port Hudson, Sergt. ALEXANDER S. FOSBURY, of the 49th regiment New-York State Volunteers, (Second Duryea's Zouaves.)

His relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral, at the Presbyterian Church, Jamaica, L. I., on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 2, at 2 o'clock.

HARRIOTT.—In Harrytown, on Friday, July 31, at the residence of her son-in-law, Abel Price, JANE, relict of the late John Harriott, in the 90th year of her age.

The funeral services will be held at the Methodist Episcopal Church, this (Sunday) afternoon, Aug. 2, at 1½ o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. The steamboat Broadway leaves the foot of Jay-st.

THE METROPOLITAN POLICE

THEIR SERVICES DURING THE HOT WEEK.

A THREE HONORABLE RECORD.

SUPERB NIGHT.

Although Brooklyn escaped comparatively slighter in these times disgraced and horrified New-York, it was evident that the material was there to create them, was needing but the fire first of

INSPECTOR FOXE'S FOLLY,

carefully seconded by his commanding and the military and civil authorities, prevented outbreaks. He received a dispatch at 10½ o'clock Monday from headquarters here, directing him to call in his reserve, and to hold them in immediate readiness. They were on drill at Fort Green, at the time, and forthwith he ordered them to their respective precincts.

At 5 o'clock P. M. a dispatch was received from Commissioner Barnard, as soon as the whole force to New-York, if, in the Inspector's opinion, it would be safe for them to leave Brooklyn. He did think it was safe; and so does Inspector [illegible] headquarters would be required, repeated himself at Mulberry-street, with upward of 200 men. On consultation with Commissioners Acton and Barnard, it was thought best for him and his command to return to Brooklyn, to be ready for any emergency that might arise there. Before leaving, and about 6 P. M., word came of the renewed attack on the Tribune buildings, and Inspector FOXE was ordered to join his force to that of Inspector CARPENTER, accompany him as far as the Tribune buildings, and render what aid was required in dispersing the mob thereabouts. On reaching the Park the mob—an account of whose flight from Printing House-square, and recession in the Park by Mr. CARPENTER's command, has been given—was severely dealt with by Inspector FOXE and his command, who, being on the left, had the last handling of the refugees, and they must have, strewing the ground with them, right and left. Inspector FOXE escaped a huge club by an adroit dodge, and led the party wielding it low only to incur another flying attack, which he met, evaded and similarly ended. This duty over, and with cheers from Inspector CARPENTER's force, Mr. FOXE at once took up the march for Brooklyn. Reaching Fulton Ferry, he heard that but a short time before two negroes had been killed on the docks near by. Halting his command and taking a squad, he made a inspection of the vicinity, finding on a scuppered two negroes, one with his head terribly cut and his arm broken, the other only suffering from body bruises. Inspector FOXE at once took measures to send the poor fellow most injured to the Hospital. He tried to hire two hacks, offering the drivers to pay what they wanted, and to send a guard of police with them. This was refused, filling the bloody six carriage, and drove hastily away, the other "had a call," and so rapidly followed. An omnibus at the ferry was then hailed, but the driver represented that it might endanger his life and the life of his passengers. The Inspector, seeing some justice in this, remedied elsewhere, and secured a fish wagon. The wounded man was placed on a mattrass, put into it and sent off, under sufficient guard, to the hospital. This done the force returned to Brooklyn, and reaching there was at once sent to the several Precincts, with directions to hold themselves in readiness on a moment's notice.

From that time until Wednesday night, nothing occurred of a serious character. So well had Inspector FOXE instructed his forces, and so efficiently their duty observed, that the disjointed knots gathered were met and dispersed by the different Precinct Police, and no opportunity for any demonstration afforded.

At about 11½ o'clock, on Wednesday evening, the elevators in the basin were fired, and to them at once Inspector FOXE and his command hastened. Meeting an immense crowd of citizens and firemen near the scene, the latter opened as they came on the double quick and gave them cheer on cheer as they hurried through. On reaching the immediate vicinity of the fire, they were greeted with groans and hisses, but with no violence.

The incendiaries, who were a gang of laborers, having escaped or mingled with the crowd, there was nothing for the force to do. Inspector FOXE remained with them in the vicinity, however, until 3 A. M. of the next morning, when they were dismissed to their several Precincts.

On Thursday and Friday the force was kept in constant readiness, but their services were not needed, and on the latter day they were dismissed to their usual duties.

It is well known that Inspector FOXE is a man of iron heart, never knowing what fear is; fertile in emergencies, and always in the advance where there is danger. His long experience as Chief of Police, and subsequently as Inspector, together with the characteristics mentioned, secured for him the confidence of "all Brooklyn," and the military and civic authorities were at his disposal. There was great trepidation in Brooklyn when he left and feeling of security when he returned. His Headquarters were at the City Hall, and from the Sheriff, Mayor, and Military authorities, he received all the cooperation he could desire. His force, Capt. POWERS, of the Forty-fourth Precinct, and a most valuable officer, being in command under him, were faithful, willing and constant to a man; he cannot designate one who failed in the entire and cheerful discharge of duty.

To Inspector FOXE's excellent disposition of the small force at his command, to the prestige that his determined character had won, and his constant vigilance, Brooklyn owes her immunity from burning, sacking, pillage, and carnage, such as characterized its neighbor across the water.

DESPERATE CONFLICT WITH NOTORIOUS BURGLARS.

Courage of a Farmer—One Cut Nigh to Death.

ARREST OF ALL THE PARTIES.

For some months past the town of Rye, Westchester County, has been infested with burglars, and to such an extent that a Vigilance Committee had been organized, under the charge of Mr. TRYON, one of the most prominent citizens. The services of Detectives STOWEY and TIERNAN of the Metropolitan Police, were called into requisition, and they had been up there repeatedly, and indefatigable in working up the case. Eight or ten burglaries had been committed in the town, and one night the gang entered the house of Mr. KINGSLAND. Going up stairs, and attempting to enter his room, a spring bell gave the alarm; Mr. KINGSLAND and a man in his employ rushed from their beds, and gave the burglars pursuit, but they fled down stairs and escaped; it was subsequently discovered that two dogs in the basement had been chloroformed and then taken out and their brains dashed out against a tree; the Detectives being subsequently called to the house, ascertained by the footmarks in the soil, that one of the villains had a very small and peculiarly shaped foot, and the other a very large one. This discovery was of advantage in identifying the burglars, as portions of those who were subsequently arrested for entering, on last Wednesday morning, the dwelling of Mr. WILLIAM PURDY, a well known and wealthy farmer of that town.

Mr. PURDY was awakened about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning by a noise in his adjoining room; getting up quietly, he hastened down and discovered two men; an immediate attack was made on him, and in the course of the struggle ensuing an effort was made to wrench his pistol from him, during which it exploded, unfortunately doing no harm to the thieves. One of the rascals was armed with a heavy club, the other with a carving knife taken from a room below. In the struggle Mr. PURDY succeeded in securing the knife, with which he did great execution, cutting one of the burglars terribly, and compelling a speedy retreat. Following them out of the house he saw their accomplices were in the road, who at once fled on being joined by one of those driven from the house.

Mr. PURDY made a search for the other and soon found him lying in the barn, bleeding profusely from several stabs which Mr. PURDY had inflicted with the recovered knife, in all five stabs, in thigh, chest and side, each where fatefully told. Mr. PURDY was cut in the head, face and hands by the ruffians, but not seriously. The fellow in the barn was utterly powerless and fast bleeding to death. He was left there, but surgical aid furnished him as soon as possible. Early on Thursday Headquarters were notified and Detective STOWEY went up, recognizing the wounded man as an old burglar, named GEORGE SMITH alias HERMAN, a notorious, desperate villain, who two or three years since was shot while attempting a burglary at Bordentown, New-Jersey. Getting what points he required as to the other parties, Detective STOWEY returned to New-York, and, in conjunction with Detective TIERNAN, proceeded to work up the case, speedily discovering that the headquarters of the party were in the Five Points, and on Thursday these two officers arrested, at No. 148 Leonard-street, two noted villains, Louis BROWN and CHARLES BURRIS, taking them to White Plains. Brown was identified by Mr. PURDY, but, unable to identify Burris, he was released. The officers returned to this City with their prisoner, and then set about getting the Captain of the party. The efforts were successful, Detective STOWEY, yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, arresting him as he was leaving a crib in Park-street, where burglars and thieves most congregate, known as MILLER's liquor store. He made a show of resistance, but the decision of Detective STOWEY soon reduced him to submission. His name is WILLIAM RICHARDSON JOHNSON GRIMES. He has been out of State Prison but six months, having been sent for burglaries in Westchester County, and is thoroughly a villainous thief and scoundrel. Detective STOWEY took him to White Plains yesterday afternoon, where evidence against him was conclusive and he was committed.

The burglar so badly cut by Mr. PURDY has the chances of living all against him. He some three or four years since shot at Mr. PURDY, and all [illegible] that the money and other valuables [illegible] The party first mentioned escaped [illegible] the money, with the exception of [illegible] the money, and about [illegible] failing in this they [illegible] For one day and night before their attempt to rob Mr. PURDY's premises; the design of prince being interrupted from diverse causes.

Mr. PURDY is a man of thirty years of age, and he evinced remarkable courage in the defense of his premises. His fight were terrible one, and he was wonderful. To Detectives STOWEY and TIERNAN the residents of the town owe much, jointly, the greatest praise for the energy displayed and the sagacity displayed in arresting the gang which so long had kept them in a state of uneasiness. All the four prisoners are Germans, and composes a portion of a well-organized and desperate party.

Judge McCunn and the Writ of Habeas Corpus.

THE SUPREME COURT DENIES HIS AUTHORITY TO ISSUE THEM.

The General Term of the Supreme Court yesterday decided, as in the Times it has been stated they would do, that the City Judge has no power to issue writs of habeas corpus. This decision, it is understood, was unanimous, and it was in anticipation of it that the Warden of the City Prisons, during the last week, refused to respond to the writs of Judge McCUNN, and the Sheriff refused to serve attachments for contempt. They took this position under the highest legal advice, and by their action have probably prevented a general jail-delivery of the rioters and thieves, thus far arrested. It is estimated that Judge McCUNN has issued during the last year no less than 2,500 writs of habeas corpus—probably three times as many as have been issued by all the other Judges in the State. Every one of the parties who have been released by the City Judge, by means of the habeas corpus, is liable to rearrest, and the authorities will take prompt measures to secure them. Provost-Marshal NUGENT intends to take into custody, wherever found, all discharged soldiers and others who have obtained their release on proceedings had by habeas corpus before Judge McCUNN.

The decision to the effect will give communities a renewed sense of security. It effectually estops a wholesale loosening of criminals of all degree upon them, and restricts the exercise of a so very potent for good or evil to those who will not abuse it.

Inquest in the Case of William Williams.

An inquest was held by Coroner NAUMANN at the Sixth Ward Station-house, yesterday, in the case of the negro WILLIAMS, alleged to have been murdered by the mob, an account of which appeared in the TIMES of Saturday. The testimony in the case was very voluminous, and is as follows:

John F. Dickson, sworn.—Am captain of the Twenty-eighth Precinct Metropolitan Police; between 5 and 6 in the morning of the 14th ult., a citizen came to my station-house, No. 155 Greenwich-street, stating that the mob were beating a negro; I took a section of men and went to the spot, and found the negro in Leroy-street about 100 feet from Washington; found the negro lying on the sidewalk, with his head toward the curb-stone; near him was a stone weighing twenty-five pounds; the negro was beat up somewhat in intense pain; by the side of deceased was a small bag containing clothing; the stone was covered with a piece of a flag; deceased tried to speak, but was unable to make himself understood until he reached the City Hospital, whither the Police were took him; when I first said that he was a negro, I was in error; I left the deceased at the City Hospital in charge of the physicians; there was no crowd near the spot where we found the negro; there were several Irishmen near, and they seemed willing to assist the Police; there was blood on the sidewalk; and deceased was covered with blood; I heard that deceased had been employed on the United States steamer *Belvidere*; but that ship having sailed, I have been unable to learn anything positive concerning him; my men have, since the riots, been constantly searching for rioters, with a good degree of success; we have here two prisoners that have not, as yet, been taken before any Court.

William Groat, sworn—Ex-Sergeant of Police at the Twenty-eighth Precinct; went, on the morning of the 14th ult., with Capt. Dickson and a platoon of men to Leroy-street, and there saw deceased and the stone lying near him; saw much blood on the stone; the pool under the stone away; the negro lay in a pool of blood, and seemed to have been beaten with a stone on the spot where he lay; the stone appeared like the blocks used in a stone pavement. The Sergeant gave other testimony, and similar that of Capt. Dickson above.

John Patton, of No. 151 Leroy-street, sworn: On the morning of the 14th ult. I was in Leroy-street, passing my door; heard a cry and the words, "Go into him! Let him have it!" think I saw three persons chasing the negro, but I cannot swear to this, since I being shocked, fled; these persons, who had beaten and kicked deceased, ran past me as I approached the scene; they seemed to be laboring men; but cannot identify the prisoner as one of the number; one of the men had a blue shirt, dark pants and red shirt; he had sandy whiskers; another had a blue overall shirt; white whiskers, but I think swear concerning their color; cannot describe the shoes; when I ran into my house the three ruffians were beating the negro; I did not see the stone used; about half an hour after the beating I went to the tree and saw the negro lying where he had been beaten; he was then alive; I saw near no person whom I knew or could identify.

Mr. Patton gives testimony not unlike that of Capt. Dickson, concerning the stone with which the ruffians subsequently smashed the skull of deceased.

Stephen Miller, of West-street, corner of Leroy, sworn: Am a dealer in liquors; at about six o'clock in the morning of the second day of the riots, a person called me, saying there was something occurring on the sidewalk; I, a man's name is John Gallagher; I left my bar-room and went to my door, whence I saw on the opposite sidewalk what appeared to be a man's legs; a dray-cart obstructed my view; a man was kicking at the legs; a man approached and spoke to the man that had been kicking, when the latter said, in a loud tone, "Let him have it!" I ran five paces, something; the man who had been kicking then left, going toward Washington-street, and the other man went toward West-street, but returned to the body, pulled off his coat, and shouted to persons who were approaching in Leroy-street; this man then picked up the appeared to be a piece of the stone, and threw it, cast it, as I should judge, on the head of deceased; the man stood four or five seconds over the body; I went back into my store; I have seen this man drinking in my place; think he was called Jack, and belonged on board the United States ship of Warr; I cannot identify either of the men; if I could identify the man called Jack, were I again to see him; the persons to whom he shouted were many children; one of the number was William Maher, of Washington and Leroy streets.

John Small, of No. 54 Clarkson-street, sworn: Went to my stable shortly before seven o'clock on the morning of July 14; the stable was in Washington-street, about forty feet from Leroy; while at my stable door I heard a man, who was approaching shouting "Nigger; this man, I never saw before, ran down the west side of Washington-street, and, then returning, confronted me, and warned me not to employ negroes on my trucks; this man was much excited, had been drinking, and the front of his pantaloons was bespattered with blood; my impression is that he was a laborer; with sandy hair, shirt and black pants; cannot describe hat; think he was about five feet eight; cannot swear that he is now before the Jury, although one of the prisoners closely resembles him. This person gave his name as Edward Canfield.

John A. Purdy—This witness (Edward Canfield) was the person who approached me and warned *me to employ no negroes, but I cannot swear that he is the man.*

James Reed, of No. 135 Leroy-street, sworn: On the second day of the riots, at half past six o'clock in the morning, I went down to the northeast corner of Washington and Leroy streets, and there saw the colored man, with his face terribly cut, lying on the sidewalk; saw a paving-stone, such as might have been taken from the street; saw several persons standing on corners and at their own thresholds; two or more of the persons present were of this number; the colored man was yet alive. (The further testimony of this witness is in respect conflicts with that of Capt. Dickson.)

Edward Ray, of No. 137 Leroy-street, sworn: On the morning of the 14th of July, I was standing at the intersection of Washington and Leroy streets; a colored man asked me where he might find a grocery; a man named Edward Canfield approached from Jones' liquor store, opposite, and demanded what he wanted; the colored man replied that he desired to find a grocery; thereupon, without further words, Canfield struck and knocked the negro to the pavement; then kicked him and jumped upon him; then, with his boots, gouged out the negro's eyes (This witness identified James Lamb as the man who cast a paving-stone at deceased. He also testified that subsequent to the kicking by Canfield, and the throwing of the stone by Lamb, a third man ran up with a bowie-knife and attempted to stab the deceased. The witness swears that Lamb then said he would like to kill some "white niggers." The witness, who is only thirteen years of age, gave his testimony with great clearness and seeming truthfulness. His testimony, which is borne out by that of other witnesses, produced a deep impression.)

Emma Pleadrent, of No. 125 Leroy-street, sworn: On the morning of July 14, at about six and a half o'clock, my sister called me to the window, and I saw the deceased, who was attempting to rise, when a man knocked him down and kicked him. There were several persons present there, three of whom I particularly recognized; a fourth, and another, ran down the street, and, passing the tree, kicked the deceased. The man I refer to kicked Canfield, now present; he lived in the house where I reside; a man with black whiskers came from the direction of Jones' liquor store, and, pulling off his coat, seized a paving-stone, raised it high as his head, and let it fall with full force upon the deceased. I recognize that man as James Lamb, the person now present; Canfield, subsequent to the attack upon the deceased, went from the spot with his hands covered with blood, and entered Jones' liquor store; he had evidently been drinking; I saw the body taken away by the police at the time of the attack there were many small boys on the street corners witnessing the transaction; women noticed the outrage and appeared concerned at it; a woman, who is believed to be the wife of one of the ruffians who committed the murder; but this woman is believed to have been guilty of nothing, but good close sympathy with the murderers.

Daniel Greenleaf, of No. 229 Bleecker-street, policeman, was serving a customer about half a block from the scene of the murder; saw the attack upon the colored man, and saw him knocked down; there were three men in the attacking party; he supposed he fell helpless on the first blow that I saw; one of the ruffians drew a knife and tried to stab deceased; another ran to a coal-yard near by, whence he took a large stone, which he threw as he been stated by other witnesses; cannot positively swear that either of the three prisoners now present was engaged in the attack.

[At 12 o'clock the jury adjourned for dinner.]

Caleb Lawrence, carman, of No. 14 Morton-street, sworn—While at my stable, in Washington-street, next door above Morton-street, I heard some children say that a colored man was being murdered in Leroy-street; subsequently, on going down the street, I saw the body of the colored man and near it a man, who picked up a stone and threw it upon the body; this action was thrice repeated; the assailant was John McAllister, whom I now positively identify. The beat of the day and several circumstances strongly identify McALLISTER as the man; I followed to Twenty-seven-street and Seventh-avenue, to recover the stone; he made no resistance; I saw the same stone then and recognized it as that I had seen McALLISTER throw.

A verdict of death was given to the jury, and after brief consultation they returned the following, that the deceased came to his death by violence at the hands of Edward Canfield, James Lamb and John McAllister, on the morning of the four ninth day of July, 1863, in Leroy-street, and We hereby discharge them.

The jury were then discharged with the thanks of the Coroner.

In answer to the usual questions, John McALLISTER, the brick layer of the account, Edward Canfield, Esq., entered a plea of "not guilty." McALLISTER is a native of Ireland, 27 years of age, and was unemployed at the time of the riots.

James Lamb is a native of Ireland, aged 20 years, a laborer, and resides at No. 135 Leroy-street, and says that on the morning of the 14th ult., at the time of the tragedy he was employed in Jones' liquor store.

Edward Canfield, aged 18 years, is also a native of Ireland, and a laborer, resident in Leroy-street. He claims that he is wholly innocent, and that he can prove which has been attempted by persons who hold malice against him.

In behalf of John McAllister, Mr. Edward Martin stated that he had been acquainted for years with deceased Mr. Martin said that the prisoner is of decent character in the Station-house, who were coming to give bail in any amount. George Naumann, holder, the motion under a recognizance, in the sum of $1,000 each. And all but one of the witnesses, who are persons of respectability, were discharged on their own recognizances.

Mr. LAWRENCE, who was the principal witness against McALLISTER, was placed under the protection of the Police, he having been threatened with violence if he gave evidence against McALLISTER. One ruffian went so far as to offer him a threat just as he was about to testify, but he was at once expelled from the Station-house by Capt. JOHNSON.

A Reminiscence.

A MOB IN NEW-YORK IN THE LAST CENTURY.

A correspondent of the Boston *Transcript* revives this reminiscence:

"While waiting for the third installment of the account of riots across the water, by your correspondent 'Sigma,' I send you an account of what was called the 'Doctors' Mob' in New-York, compiled from an address before the St. Nicholas Society of that City, by Hon. Wm. A. DUER. It took place during the latter part of the last century. The riot was provoked by the reckless and wanton impudence of some young surgeons at the hospital, who, from one of upper windows, exhibited the dissected arm of a subject to some boys who were at play on the green below. One of them whose curiosity was thus excited, mounted upon a ladder to 'a for some reason, and as he reached the window, was told by one of the doctors to look at his 'mother's arm.' It happened unfortunately that the boy's mother had recently died, and the horror which had now taken the place of his curiosity, induced him to run to his father, who was at work as a mason at a neighboring house, and tell the information of what he had seen and heard.

Upon receiving the intelligence, the father repaired to the wife's grave, and upon opening it found that the body had been removed. He returned forthwith to the place where he had been at work and informed his fellow-laborers of the circumstances. Their indignation and horror at the revelation were equally equal to his own. Armed with the tools of their trade, they marched in a body to the hospital, gathering recruits by the way, to number amounting to a formidable mob. The doctors, in the meantime, had taken the alarm and decamped. The theatre of their operations, however, was ransacked, and several skeletons, in various states of mutilation, were discovered. The mob, thus thwarted in their search, then issued forth in pursuit of the doctors, who, had they fallen into the hands of the enraged multitude, would probably have been made subjects of themselves. They had the good fortune, however, to elude the search, though some of them escaped by the breadth of a hair.

The obnoxious Dr. HICKS fled in the first instance to Jersey Cemetery, nearly opposite Trinity Church (a very proper place for such a ghoul), and from which Dr. COUZANS was held, and that from his having relinquished practice, his house would escape search. But the mob had an intimation of HICK's retreat, and searched the house from cellar to garret, without success. They even opened the scuttle and looked out upon the roof, without perceiving the Doctor, who lay "scrouge" behind the chimney of the next house, suffering probably under a more violent sudorific than he ever ventured to administer to a patient. The physicians sought refuge in the jail, and the militia were ordered out to disperse them and to quell the riot. This was not effected without a spectacle of civil war in the streets, which, had the mob been acquainted with the modern art of constructing barricades, might have proved more serious and of longer continuance. As it was, it lasted for three or four days, during which the City may be said to have been in a state of siege.

Never shall I forget the charge I saw made upon a body of the rioters by STARR's light horse. From our residence, opposite St. Paul's, I first perceived the troop as it debouched from Fair (now Fulton) street, and attacked the masses collected at the entrance of the "Fields," whence they soon scattered, some of them retreating into the churchyard, driven sword-in-hand through the portico by the troopers striking right and left with the back of their sabres. The rioters had received a temporary check, but were by no means subdued. Apprised of the retreat of the doctors, they had renewed their attack upon the jail; but the militia arrived there before them, and were drawn up to defend it, with loaded muskets and fixed bayonets.

The Governor, the Mayor, the Recorder, and other City magistrates, were also on the ground, with many of the principal citizens, who repaired to the assistance of the civil authorities. Some of them were severely wounded by missiles from the mob. Mr. TAYLOR received a contusion on the neck. The Rev. Dr. DUER received a bruise by a stone which knocked his hat down, inflicted a deep wound upon his forehead, and wrought a sudden change in the complaisance feeling he had previously entertained toward the mob. At the moment of receiving it, he was in earnest remonstrating with the Governor against ordering the militia to fire on the people; but, as soon as he was struck, the Baron's benevolence deserted him, and he fell he lustily cried out, "*Fire, Governor, fire!*" B."

More Arrests for Alleged Riotous Conduct.

THE ATTACK ON THE TRIBUNE BUILDINGS.

Detective BURGESS made the arrest, on Friday night, of a man named JAMES WARTRAN, who is complained of by Mr. ENGLAND, City Editor of the Tribune, as a leader of the mob who attacked the Tribune buildings. The prisoner was taken into custody, and brought up at Jefferson Market Court. He was identified by Mr. ENGLAND and Mr. JONES, another attaché of the Tribune, and was seen to lead the mob on to the attack three several times. There were several other witnesses who identified him. The prisoner is a Marylander by birth, and has been employed at CHRISTIANSON's barber-establishment. He had about him when arrested some Confederate money, and some scraps of Southern poetry. He denies having been present during the attack upon the Tribune office, and says he was at work all day Monday and Tuesday. He was held to answer to the charge by Justice KELLEY at Jefferson Market Court.

Officers DAY, FOSTER and JONES made the arrest, yesterday of three boys, named SILVANUS L. BRADY, GERRITT HILL and EDWIN COX, charged with riotous conduct in attacking several hitherto occupied by negro families in Cornelius-street. Several high respectable citizens appeared against them, and they were thoroughly identified. They were committed in default of $500 bail each.

Yesterday afternoon Officer BELLSON, of the Twenty-fourth Precinct, arrested ANDREW KELLY, a very respectable appearing Irishman, living at No. 235 West Thirty-sixth-street, who stands charged with being a ringleader in the riot, and with assisting at the burning of Mr. JOHN GREEN, Tenth-avenue, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth-streets, on Tuesday, the 14th ult. Mr. ANDREW COX, of No. 239 West Thirty-sixth-street, states that he saw KELLY inciting the mob to burn down the house of Mr. GREEN, but although the premises were not consigned to the flames, they were sacked, and all the valuables carried away. It is further alleged that the prisoner was heard to use inflammatory language to the men, and urge them to the "English Abolitionist's house." Several persons appeared and gave the prisoner a good character, and seemed much surprised that he should be arrested for rioting.

Justice KELLY held the accused to bail in $500 to answer the charge.

The Eighteenth Ward Police yesterday arrested one THOMAS BRENNAN, an Irish grocer, who stands charged with having been engaged in the late riots. *One of the complaints against the prisoner is Mr.* P. R. JOURDAN, of No. 308 First-avenue. It is charged that during the riots on the east side of the City, the prisoner fired on the Police and Military. He was sent for examination before Justice KELLY.

A Texan Refugee—A Volunteer in the Rhode-Island Regiment.

His Reward.

At the outbreak of the rebellion CHARLES FOLSOM was driven from Galveston, Texas, together with his father and mother, because of their Union sentiments. They returned to this State, the old folks settling in Putnam County, and young FOLSOM, then twenty-eight years of age, entering in the First New-York mounted riflemen, Col. C. C. DODGE. He served with honor until last May, having been in sixteen battles—among them those at South Mountain, the seven days battles on the Peninsula, Antietam and on the Blackwater. He was wounded on the Blackwater, and in May was allowed his discharge, that being Orderly Sergeant, returning to his family in Putnam County. On Monday evening, hearing of the riot here, he hurried down, reported to Headquarters, and volunteered his services in any capacity in which he could be useful. He was sworn in as special Policeman and at once, with others, was sent on active duty against the mob, his part being heavily performed throughout. On Tuesday, at 6 o'clock in the morning, he was out with a squad of Police in Twenty-second-street and Seventh-avenue, to recover the stolen goods, and was engaged in doing there. A wagon was taken there, which had to be drawn by hand, and while on return with the body the wheels became fastened in the railroad track; in endeavoring to release them Folsom had his right hand and wrist badly broken. He made no complaint, but continued his duties manfully till reaching Headquarters, where he was put under care of the surgeon.

So well had he acted that the attention of the Inspector had been attracted to him, and he was highly complimented. Yesterday the Committee for the relief of those injured while suppressing the riots, gave him one hundred dollars in money, and a suit of clothes costing twenty-nine dollars. Inspector CARPENTER also gave him the following:

GREEN SUPPRESSION MEMORANDUM.

POLICE, NEW-YORK, Aug. 1, 1863.

This is to certify that Charles Folsom, of Cold Spring, Putnam County, N. Y., came to this City, on the morning of the 4th July, and immediately reported to these headquarters, and volunteered his services in Special Police duty. His services were ever ready, and, as far as his daily old he perform his duty, until Thursday the 14th, when in the attempted arrest of Mr. Kelly, he had his wrist fractured. He is a sober young man, and deserves the esteem of all law-abiding citizens. DANIEL CARPENTER,

Inspector Metropolitan Police.

Funeral of Gen. Strong.

The funeral of Brig.-Gen. GEORGE C. STRONG, who fell during the recent attack on Fort Wagner, took place, yesterday, from St. Paul's M. E. Church, on the Fourth-avenue. The body was removed from the residence of the deceased, in Nineteenth-street, to the church, about 10 o'clock in the forenoon. A large military force was drawn up in front of the church, and extending some distance up and down the avenue, through which the corpse was borne. Great numbers of spectators also lined the avenue in the neighborhood of the church. As the procession marched into the church the organist played a dirge from Mozart. Among the distinguished military officers present at the funeral were Maj.-Gen. B. F. BUTLER, with several members of his Staff; Gen. CASEY and Staff, and Maj. CHENEY.

The funeral services commenced with the singing of the LXXIth hymn of the Methodist collection, after which, Rev. Dr. BADAMY, the Pastor of St. Paul's, read extracts from the 1st Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians, touching the resurrection of the body.

The venerable Rev. Dr. DUDLEY then delivered a discourse upon the life and character of Gen. STRONG, which was justly eulogistic of the deceased, and was listened to with great attention. The services closed with the singing of an appropriate hymn and benediction.

The coffin was then removed to the hearse in front of the Church, and the procession for escorting the remains to their last resting-place, formed in the following order—the military being under the command of Col. MAGWAR:

Section of Police under command of Sergt. O'BRIEN, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct.

The Eighth regiment of regulars, commanded by Capt. FRANK.

Band of the North Carolina.

Battery G, of the Fifth regular artillery, with two pieces and caissons, commanded by Lieut. BALDWIN.

Band of the North Carolina.

Detachment of Marines, commanded by Sergt. Alexander.

The Pall Bearers.

Brig.-Gen. Canby,	Brig.-Gen. Ewen,
Com. Meade,	Col. F. N. Hacker,
Maj. Whitwright,	Capt. Grissin,
Capt. Porter,	Dr. McMurrach,
Capt. T. Harrell,	Capt. Frank Hoyt,
Adj. J. D. Otterbury,	Commander S. S. Webster.

Horse of the deceased, led by an Orderly.

Committee on National Affairs, in carriages:

Alderman Varian,	Councilman Vyse,
Alderman Brandt,	Councilman Wetmore,
Alderman Henry,	Councilman McConnell,
Alderman Soule,	Councilman Brandon,
Alderman Ottswell,	Councilman Haviland.

Relatives and Friends, in carriages.

The route of the procession was down Fourth-avenue to Broadway, and thence down Broadway to the South Ferry. The remains were placed in the family vault in Greenwood Cemetery.

GENERAL CITY NEWS.

ARREST OF AN OLD BURGLAR—HIS ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE.—GEORGE SMITH, an old and well-known burglar, late on Friday afternoon forced open the rear window of premises No. 225 West Forty-eight-street, occupied by Mrs. ELIZA STERELLA, during the absence of the latter and commenced a search for plunder. While SMITH was sacking the upper rooms, Mrs. STERELLA returned, and having no other means of escape, the thief jumped from a second story window *to the yard, and ran off. His movements were discovered by Mrs. S.*, who gave the alarm, when officers TIERNEY and DALY, of the Twenty-second Precinct, pursued the fugitive, and at the corner of Tenth-avenue and Thirty-third-street he was overtaken and arrested by Officer TIERNEY. The prisoner was searched, and the officer found in his possession about $30 in money, a quantity of jewelry, and other property which Mrs. STERELLA identified. He also had a number of skeleton keys, screwdrivers and other burglarious implements in his pockets. Justice KELLY committed SMITH to the Tombs, in default of $3,000 bail. Especial credit is due to the officers who made the arrest, for so promptly and closely following up this bold offender.

DROWNING CASUALTIES.—GALE JACOBS, aged 7 years, fell into the dock at Pier No. 47 East River, and was drowned. The body was been afterward recovered by Mr. JOHN REDDY, a citizen, and delivered over to the parents, who reside at No. 6 Hester-street. A number of boys were at play on the pier foot of Forty-eighth-street, East River, when one named JOHN EAVES, 6 years of age, fell overboard and was drowned. The body was not recovered. Deceased lived at No. 192 East Forty-eighth-street. A man named FREDERICK RALF, 47 years of age, while at work painting the ship Emma, lying at Pier No. 13, North River, fell overboard and drowned. The body was recovered, and Coroner CRONIN held an inquest. Deceased lived at No. 147 Atlantic-street, Brooklyn, whither his remains were removed for interment.

MORE OF MESSRS. BROOKS BROTHERS' GOODS RECOVERED.—Officers HAMILTON and ISAM, of the Twenty-fifth Precinct, yesterday arrested WM. MCCARRY, an Irish seaman, living at No. 112 Cherry-street, charged with stealing thirteen coats and six pairs of pants, valued at $125. The goods in question are a portion of those stolen from the store of Messrs. BROOKS BROTHERS, Nos. 116 and 118 Cherry-street, on the night of the 14th ult., at the time the mob sacked their premises and stole thousands of dollars worth of clothing. At the time of his arrest the prisoner was attempting to sell the stolen clothing, *which was positively identified by Mr. SAMUEL B. WHITE*, a clerk in the employ of Messrs. BROOKS BROTHERS. Alderman FOX committed the prisoner for trial in default of $1,000 bail.

COLORED REFUGEES IN FALL RIVER, MASS.—*The Fall River (Mass.) News, of Friday, says*: "During the prevalence of the riot in New-York City, a large number of negroes, fearing for their lives, came in the Fall River boats to this city. They are now divided around as guests of our colored families in different parts of the city. They are exceedingly anxious to go back to their homes, but are yet fearful of running the risk of life and limbs. The humane and charitably disposed may, perhaps, find an opportunity of doing them good in some way, if they will take the trouble of visiting them."

ROBBED IN HIS OWN STORE BY ALLEGED RIOTERS.—HERMAN HAITL, a grocer, doing business at No. 499 Second-avenue, states that on the night of the 15th ult. *two men*, named JOHN LEONAR and THOMAS LYONS, came into his store and demanded $100, or they would burn down the place. He gave them $25, thinking this would do, but they seized him and took 675 more from his pockets. He lodged complaint *against them yesterday, and they were arrested by* Capt. PIRSON, of the Twenty-first Precinct, and committed for examination.

MORE FIREARMS RECOVERED.—Five more carbines stolen from the armory corner of Twenty-first-street and Second-avenue, on the first day of the riot, have been recovered by Officer KEUHLER, of the Tenth Precinct. The guns were found in possession of the *following named persons: One taken from* BENJAMIN ARCHER, No. 137 Eldridge-street; one taken from JOHN KEIFE, No. 89 Orchard-street; two taken from JAMES HILL, No. 154 Ludlow-street; one taken from THOMAS FRASER, No. 197 Bowery.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.—Officer MCCONNELL, of the Twentieth Precinct, arrested two parties, named JAS. P. CARROLL and JOHN KINROY, on charge of removing a shutter from the store of CATHARINE MCCAULEY, of No. 202 West Twenty-seventh-street, with the intention of committing a burglary. They admitted removing the shutter, but stated they only desired to get a paper of tobacco. They were committed in default of $1,000 bail.

SAVAGE ASSAULT.—MARGARET DWYER and her husband, living at No. 42 Hamilton-street, were assaulted and badly beaten by JOHN BROWN, a seaman. DWYER was unable to leave his bed yesterday to enter a complaint against BROWN. The latter was arrested by Officer HUVILER, of the Seventh Precinct, and Justice BERGH committed him for examination.

RAILROAD CASUALTY.—A man, named JOHN MCGAHEY, was run over corner of Charlton and West streets by a small car of the Ninth-avenue line, and one of his legs badly fractured. The Twenty-eighth Precinct Police conveyed him to Bellevue Hospital.

LAW REPORTS.

The Case of the Rio Warrior.

The Steamer *Rio Warrior* and Cargo *vs. The United States*.—Steamer, C. H. Thompson, master, was captured about one nautical mile north of the island Anegada, one of the Bahamas, east of the Gulf Stream, on the 22d of April, 1863, by the war steamer *Santiago De Cuba*, U. S. Blockade Commander. The cargo consisted principally of guns, Enfield rifles, Austrian rifled muskets and others, and ammunition, &c.

The *Rio Warrior* belonged to E. Adderly, of Nassau, a British subject, and probably the cargo, although this is left to be more certain. The owner had been previously purchased of her directions, colonel of Charleston, S. C., after running the blockade of Charleston two or three times from that city and Nassau, N. P., and leaving the latter place in ballast for Havana, where she took on a part of her cargo and returned, complete her load at Nassau, and then sailed for Charleston, as she was captured, some twenty-four hours, as claimed, after leaving port. The master was detained at Nassau and the cargo consigned to W. B. Wright, of that place, in the manner that previous cargoes had been consigned to him, as the vessel belonged to a citizen of Charleston. The master says that he was ignorant of the fact of the war, and that he was ordered to Nassau, N. P., and before the inner place in ballast for Havana, where he took on a part of her cargo and returned, completed

The Albany Argus of yesterday says:—

Many persons subscribed for the Second Regiment recently tendered to the State Arsenal in this city were informed by the Government. This is an error. These arms were part of a large importation from Prussia and Saxony, a portion of which was paid in the Washington Government. The remainder were stowed in New-York. On the outbreak of the riot there it was feared they might be seized by the mob, and the owners asked permission of Gov. Seymour to store them in one of the State armories for safety. It was understood that the State authorities might purchase them of the mob, if the occasion occurred while they were first in demand. Gov. Seymour accordingly directed that they might be received at the arsenal in this city. They are an inferior and cheap class of weapons, of old patterns, some of which had been used; and we did not wish as the State would purchase.

The only arms recently purchased by the State are 20,000 Enfield rifles of the best pattern, which were bought under the authority of the Military Board, Commissary-Gen. Paterson, Adjt.-Gen. Swartwout, and Quartermaster-Gen. Tracy."

Negro Soldiers in Rhode Island.

A HEAVY ARTILLERY COMPANY TO BE FORMED.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE, PROVIDENCE, July 29, 1863.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 24.—Authority having been received from the War Department to raise one company of heavy artillery, to serve for three years or during the war, from the colored race of this State, a camp for that purpose is hereby established at Dexter Training Ground, in the city of Providence, where recruits for the same will be received.

The Quartermaster-General will issue the necessary tents, equipments, &c., upon requisition of Wm. H. Hayes.

The company will be organized as follows: One Captain, one First Lieutenant, one Second Lieutenant, one First Sergeant, one Quartermaster Sergeant, four Sergeants, eight Corporals, two musicians, two artificers, one wagoner, and 122 privates.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

EDWARD C. MAURAN, Adjt.-Gen.

Movements of European Steamers.

FROM AMERICA.

Africa	Aug. 5	Boston	Liverpool
City of New-York	Aug. 1	New-York	Liverpool
Cuba	Aug. 1	New-York	Liverpool
Boston	Aug. 13	New-York	Liverpool
Southampton	Aug. 15	New-York	Liverpool
China	Aug. 15	New-York	Liverpool
Arabia	Aug. 19	Boston	Liverpool
Virginia	Aug. 22	New-York	Liverpool
Germania	Aug. 22	New-York	Southampton
Great Eastern	Sept. 2	New-York	Liverpool
Asia	Sept. 2	Boston	Liverpool
Bremen	Sept. 5	New-York	Southampton
Saxonia	Sept. 10	New-York	Southampton

FROM EUROPE.

Adriatic	July 15	Liverpool	New-York
Europa	July 21	Liverpool	New-York
Louisiana	July 22	Liverpool	New-York
City of Manchester	July 22	Liverpool	New-York
City of Cork	July 24	Liverpool	New-York
Arabia	July 25	Liverpool	Boston
Persia	July 29	Southampton	New-York
City of Baltimore	July 29	Liverpool	New-York
Hibernia	July 29	Liverpool	New-York
China	Aug. 1	Liverpool	New-York
Virginia	Aug. 5	Liverpool	New-York
Cuba	Aug. 8	Liverpool	Boston
Kentucky	Aug. 11	Southampton	New-York
Columbia	Aug. 12	Liverpool	New-York
Great Eastern	Aug. 2	Liverpool	New-York
Teutonia	Aug. 15	Liverpool	New-York
Carolina	Aug. 18	Liverpool	New-York
Africa	Aug. 22	Liverpool	Boston
Saxonia	Aug. 26	Southampton	New-York
Anglia	Aug. 26	Liverpool	New-York
Baltic	Aug. 29	Liverpool	New-York
Georgia	Sept. 2	Liverpool	New-York

The Mails for the South Pacific, &c.

The mails for the South Pacific and Central America by the *Ariel*, close on Monday, Aug. 3, at half A. M.

Departure of Domestic Mails.

North Mails close at ..... 8 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.
South Mails close at ..... 8 A. M. 4:30 and 10 P. M.
Western Mails (via Erie Railroad) ..... 8 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.
Eastern Mails at ..... 8 A. M., 1 P. M., and 6:30 P. M.

Mails for California, Oregon, Washington and the Sandwich Islands close daily at the New-York Post-office at 8 A. M. and 3½ P. M.

On Sunday all Mails close at 1:30 P. M.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—FOR COUNTRY property, a five-story double tenement house, 22x50 feet deep, with full lot on the east side of this City. For particulars, inquire of R. LIVINGSTON, No. 23 Pine-st., Room No. 13, or of JAMES BEGLAN, corner 31st-st. and 8th-av., N. Y.

FOR SALE—NEAR UNION-SQUARE, THE very desirable property on the northwest corner of Irving-place and 18th-st., 25x100, with improvements, let to tenants for a first-class small hotel, being in the immediate vicinity of the Academy of Music, theatres, railroad and omnibus lines. For terms, &c., apply to RIDLEY WATTS, Executor, No. 104 Broadway.

COUNTRY RESIDENCES.

TO LET.—A TWO-STORY COTTAGE BUILT house, in Bowne-st., Flushing, containing seven rooms, with every convenience for a small genteel family; garden, stocked with choice bearing fruit trees, etc.; situated within one block from the railroad depot. Rent $200; possession given about 1st of September. Apply to ANDREW SCOTT, near the premises, or R. LOWDEN, No. 43 Pine-st., New-York.

ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES AND farms, a great variety beautifully situated, one hour from New-York, for sale or rent. Also, country seats and tenements to let, for the season or year, by HENRY B. BLACKWELL, No. 59 William-st., New-York, 9 to 11 A. M.; No. 49 Main-st., Orange, 1 to 5 P. M.

$1,900.—FOR SALE—A COTTAGE, WITH good barn, garden, &c., situate near the village of Manasquan, 15 minutes' walk from the depot, and one hour's ride from the City; part may remain on bond and mortgage. Address R. H., Manasquan.

TO LET.

TO LET—A FINE RESIDENCE FOR ANY GENtleman doing business down-town. Situated at foot of 26th-st., East River. Carriage-house and stable. Apply at No. 425 East 26th-st., Dry Dock, New-York.

TO LET—THE BASEMENT UNDER THE TIMES Office, fronting Park-row, 22x80 feet. Inquire in office of the *Agriculturist*, No. 41 Park-row.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

BOARDING.—GOOD BOARD AND PLEASANT accommodations may be had, by applying at No. 111 East 17th-st.

AT NO. 176 EAST 24TH-ST.—A ROOM TO let to suit a gentleman and wife, or two single gentlemen, on the second floor; a hall room on the third floor; the location is good, the house airy and pleasant; reference required.

COMFORTABLE FURNISHED APARTMENTS can be had, with or without board, for single gentlemen, by applying at No. 22 North Moore-st.

COUNTRY BOARD.

BOARD IN THE BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE OF ROSLYN, L. I.—One large, or two small families can be accommodated with genteel board, on moderate terms, in a private house; locating healthy and romantic, and within pleasant walking distance of Harbor Mountain top, which presents a splendid Ocean and Sound view. Address T. MOTT, Roslyn, L. I., or inquire of D. D. WRIGHT, corner Houston and Lewis-sts., New-York, or Capt. POST, steamer *Arrowsmith*, which leaves Peck-slip, daily, at 4 P. M.

COUNTRY BOARD—AT WATERLOO, N. J., near Long Branch; has a beautiful view of the Atlantic; good sea or river bathing; plenty of shade; terms for adults, $6; children and servants half price. Steamer *Helen* leaves Robinson-st. pier every day, at 6 o'clock. For information, call on J. F. WHITE, No. 142 Fulton-st., or address S. S. WYCKOFF, Waterloo, near Port Washington, N. J.

VERY SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION and a first-class table can be had, in a healthy and pleasant location on the Hudson, 30 miles from New-York. Possession immediately. Address COUNTRY BOARD, station C, Troy-st., N. Y.

SUMMER RESORTS.

ORIENT POINT HOUSE, ORIENT POINT, L. I.—Pleasantly situated on the extreme end of the north point of Long Island, only a moment's walk to Long Island Sound or Gardiner's Bay; good fishing, bathing, sailing, &c. Terms moderate. Send for a circular. This house is reached by Long Island Railroad twice each day, to Greenport, thence by stage to the house; also, steamer *Donaldson*, from James-slip, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 5 o'clock P. M., direct for the House.

THOS. T. PARSONS & SON, Proprietors.

MISCELLANEOUS.

METALS.

TIN PLATES, ROOFING PLATES AND SHEET IRON of all kinds for sale by A. A. THOMSON & CO., Nos. 215 and 217 Water-st.

BOYS AND GIRLS DELIGHTED WITH the patent metallic horses. Health and fun in every family having one. The interest in these horses will continue, for the reason that the rider can go faster and easier than to go on foot. They are propelled by the weight of the riders. All sizes from two year old cavalry to the same for adults.

STEPHEN W. SMITH, No. 478 Broadway.

1,000 POUNDS OR MORE OF HOT-HOUSE GRAPES WANTED.—The above will be received in lots from 25 to 50 pounds per day, for cash. Call or address J. S. BARNES, No. 41 Park-row, Agricultural Office, New-York.

FOUR GOOD OFFICERS WANTED IN A regiment now forming in this City and rapidly filling up. Address COLONEL, Box No. 185 Post-office.

MEETINGS.

I. O. O. F.—THE R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT of Southern New-York will hold its annual session in the room in Odd-Fellows' Hall on MONDAY EVENING, Aug. 3, at 8 o'clock. By order

JOHN J. DAVIS, Grand Scribe.

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Stocks and Bonds bought and sold on commission.
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(Late of the firm of Johnston & Lowden,)
FOREIGN EXCHANGE BROKER,
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CALIFORNIA COUPONS PURCHASED.

GALENA AND CHICAGO BONDS.

The First Mortgage Bonds of the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company, due Aug. 1, 1863, and next due, will be cashed at the office of

VERMILYE & CO., No. 40 Wall-st.

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Offers his services as the Board of Brokers for the purchase or sale of STOCKS, BONDS AND GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, No. 4 Hanover-st.

OFFICE OF NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 6 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, July 8, 1863.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Books of Subscription to the increased Capital of the NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY are now open at the office of the Company, No. 6 Wall-st., and will continue open until the 10th day of August next, at which date the books will be closed. By order.

R. W. BLEECKER, Secretary.

OFFICE MARIETTA AND CINCINNATI RAILROAD CO., (As successors to Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis.)

THE COUPONS OF THIS COMPANY, due the 1st of August, will be paid at their maturity as follows, viz.: Up the sterling bonds at the "London Joint Stock Bank," in the City of London. On the dollar bonds at the office of Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Co., in New-York City. The above are secured by the first and only mortgage of the Company.

W. R. WATSON, Cashier and Secretary.

OFFICE CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO RAILROAD CO., CLEVELAND, OHIO, July 28, 1863.

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS.—THE FIRST and second mortgage bonds of the Toledo, Norwalk and Cleveland Railroad Company, due on the first day of August, will be paid on presentation at the Corn Exchange Bank in the City of New-York. Interest on said bonds will cease on said first day of August.

H. G. LUCE, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COAL CO., No. 112 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, July 27, 1863.

INTEREST ON BONDS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA Coal Company will be paid at the Company's Office in New-York, on and after August 1, prox. The bond transfer books will be closed from July 30 to August 1, both inclusive.

GEORGE A. HOYT, Treasurer.

INTEREST NOTICE.—THE INTEREST ON THE Mortgage Bonds of the TOLEDO, LOGANSPORT AND BURLINGTON RAILWAY COMPANY due 1st of August next, will be paid at the office of ELIOT & CO., No. 35 Exchange-place, New-York, on and after that date, on presentation of the proper coupons.

JOHN S. KENNEDY, President.

NEW-YORK, July 28, 1863.

TREASURER'S OFFICE OF THE CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, No. 2 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, July 27, 1863.

THE COUPONS DUE AUGUST 1, FROM the preferred sinking fund, Appleton Extension, and Green Bay Extension Bonds of this Company, will be paid on and after that date, on presentation at this office.

JAMES F. YOUNG, Secretary.

CLEVELAND AND MICHIGAN RAILROAD CO., CLEVELAND, July 27, 1863.

INTEREST DUE AUGUST 1, ON FIRST Mortgage Bonds of this Company will be paid by Ward, Campbell & Co., No. 56 Wall-st., New-York.

CHAS. L. RHODES, Vice-President.

"ATLANTIC AND GREAT WESTERN" RAILWAY COMPANY.—Coupons on the Funded Debt of this Company will be paid on presentation by

McANDREW & WANN, No. 12 Pine-st.

$500, $800, $1,500, AND $2,500 TO loan on bond and mortgage. EDWARD A. FRASER, Counsellor at Law and Notary Public, No. 320 Broome-st., New-York.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, pieces or parcels of land, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

For regulating Sixty-first-street, from Third to Fifth-Avenue.

For regulating Fifty-seventh-street, between Eleventh and Twelfth avenues.

For setting and resetting curb and gutter stones in Fifty-seventh-street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues.

For flagging sidewalks in Fifty-fourth-street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues, and in Forty-sixth-street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on both sides of Sixty-first-street, between Third and Fifth avenues, and the lots at the intersecting avenues to the centre of the blocks each way from sixty-first-street.

Also, all the lots and parcels of land situate on both sides of Fifty-seventh-street, between the Eleventh and Twelfth avenues, and the parts of lots between the northerly line of Fifty-seventh-street and the centre of the block between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, westerly of the Eleventh avenue.

Also, all the lots on both sides of Fifty-second-street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues. Also, all those lots in the Nineteenth Ward known as Ward numbers one hundred, fifteen to nineteen, inclusive, and forty-two and forty-three in block number one hundred and one. Also, Ward numbers forty-one, forty-eight, forty-nine, fifty and fifty-one of block number five hundred and thirty, in the same Ward, and Ward numbers thirty-four, thirty-seven, twenty-six and twenty-seven in block number five hundred and thirty-one, also of the Nineteenth Ward.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above-named assessments, and who are entitled to the benefit of either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to one of the undersigned, at their office, number thirty-two Chambers-street, hereby appointed New Court-house, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

CHAS. SCHELL,
JACOB F. OAKLEY,
WM. A. BOOLEY,
} Board of Assessors.

OFFICE, BOARD OF ASSESSORS, NEW COURT-HOUSE, July 25, 1863.

THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL AFFAIRS will meet every day, until further notice, in the Chamber of the Board of Aldermen, at 10 o'clock P. M. Parties having business with the Committee are respectfully invited to attend.

Alderman TERENCE FARLEY,
Alderman PETER MITCHELL,
Alderman JOHN T. HENRY,
Alderman F. J. A. BOOLE,
Alderman JOHN D. OTTIWELL,
Councilman WM. JOYCE,
Councilman SAMUEL WEBSTER,
Councilman JOHN H. GOODNELL,
Councilman ALEX. BRANDON,
Councilman JOHN G. HAVILAND.

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH of the Board of Aldermen will meet in Room number twelve, City Hall, on TUESDAY of each week, at two o'clock P. M., until further notice. All persons interested in papers awaiting the action of the Committee are requested to attend.

TERENCE FARLEY,
JACOB R. LONG,
JOHN D. OTTWELL,
Committee.

THE COMMITTEE ON SEWERS OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every WEDNESDAY, at two o'clock P. M., in Room number eight, City Hall. Parties interested in any matter before the Committee will have an opportunity of being heard.

GEORGE A. JEREMIAH,
TERENCE FARLEY,
CHARLES H. HALL,
Committee on Sewers.

THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS, of the Board of Aldermen, will meet every TUESDAY, in Room No. 8 City Hall, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering all papers referred to such Committee. All parties interested will please attend without further notice.

PETER MASTERSON,
JOHN FOX,
LEWIS S. EYERS,
} Committee on Public Buildings.

THE COMMITTEE ON LAMPS AND GAS of the Board of Councilmen will meet EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 1 o'clock P. M., until further notice, in Room No. 5 City Hall, for the purpose of investigating all papers referred to them. All persons interested are respectfully requested to appear before the Committee without further notice.

ALEX. BRANDON,
JAMES MURRAY,
RICHARD O'BRIEN,
} Committee on Lamps and Gas.

THE COMMITTEE ON POLICE OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every WEDNESDAY, at 1 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 8, City Hall, for the purpose of investigating all papers referred to them. All persons interested are respectfully requested to appear before the Committee with or further notice.

PETER MASTERSON,
GEO. A. JEREMIAH,
CHAS. H. HALL.
} Committee on Police.

THE COMMITTEE ON ROADS OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet every FRIDAY, at two o'clock P. M., in Room number twelve, City Hall, all persons interested in matters pending the action of the Committee, are invited to attend.

TERENCE FARLEY,
JACOB M. LONG,
PETER MASTERSON,
Committee.

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen, will meet every SATURDAY, at two o'clock, in the City Library Room, City Hall.

JOHN McCOOL,
PETER MITCHELL,
LEWIS S. EYERS,
Committee on Fire Department.

MATRIMONIAL.

A FRENCH LADY OF DISTINGUISHED family, very talented in music, is desirous of corresponding with a gentleman, a Catholic of refined habits, with a view to matrimony; one who is desirous of going to France preferred. Address MLLE. A. DE V., Box No. 116 Times Office.

AUCTION SALES.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE OF PRIZE PROPERTY.

DANIEL H. BURDETT, Auctioneer.

U. S. MARSHAL'S SALE,
BY BURDETT, JONES & CO.

By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me directed to me by Hon. William Marvin, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, I will sell at LAIMBEER'S STORE, NO. 11 ATLANTIC DOCK, BROOKLYN,
On SATURDAY, Aug. 8, 1863,
At 11 o'clock A. M.,
PRIZE GOODS,
From following vessels:

A. J. HODGE,	AVON,
SEMERE,	BROTHERS,
CLARITA,	DARTS,
GIPSEY,	EAGLE,
JOHN WESLEY,	JOHN WILLIAMS,
NEPTUNE,	BINNEY,
	SEA BIRD.

CONSISTING OF

Ale, cavendish, alcohol, brandy, Madeira, blanket cloth, tarpaulins, cordage, castor oil, cloves, cotton cards, candles, castile soap, crockery, collars, coffee, calf skins, cloth, dry goods, gin, hose, hardware, handkerchiefs, ink, kerosene oil, lime, lemons, lard, molasses, medicines, nails, needles, opium, olive oil, pipes, paper, pepper, quinine, rum, rope, shoes, soda, shirts, soap, shot, sabragale, steel, sugar, sylvan tea, thread, twine, the Whisky, wine.

Catalogues of sale will be ready on THURSDAY, Aug. 6, at office of BENNES & BROWN, No. 113 Wall-st.

The goods will be open for inspection two days before the sale.

ALSO,

At the same time and place, the Prize Schooner "BROTHERS," her tackle, &c., as she now lies at Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn.

JAMES C. CLAFF,
U. S. Marshal Southern District Florida.

DANIEL H. BURDETT, Auctioneer.

U. S. MARSHAL'S SALE.
BY BURDETT, JONES & CO.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas to me directed and delivered, I will sell at public auction, on the 4th day of August, 1863, at 11 o'clock A. M., at Wheeler's Stores, Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn, the Cargo of the prize schooner *Gipsey City*, consisting of dry goods, groceries, liquor, medicines, &c.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal.

July 23, 1863.

DANIEL H. BURDETT, Auctioneer.

U. S. MARSHAL'S SALE,
BY BURDETT, JONES & CO.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas to me directed and delivered, I will sell at public auction, on the 4th day of August, 1863, at 11 o'clock A. M., at Wheeler's Stores, Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn, the schooner *Rising Star*, and cargo.

N. B.—The above cargo consists of about 1,200 bushels Turk's island Salt and 11 barrels of Beef.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal.

July 23, 1863.

DANIEL H. BURDETT, Auctioneer.

U. S. MARSHAL'S SALE,
BY BURDETT, JONES & CO.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas to me directed and delivered, I will sell at public auction, on the 4th day of August, 1863, at 11 o'clock A. M., at Wheeler's Stores, Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn, the cargo of the prize schooner *D. Sargent*, consisting of about 41 bales of Cotton.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal.

July 23, 1863.

DANIEL H. BURDETT, Auctioneer.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE,
BY BURDETT, JONES & CO.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas to me directed and delivered, I will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, on the 6th day of August, 1863, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the UNION STORES, BROOKLYN, the bales, or loose cotton to half bags of COTTON, cargo of the prize schooner REINDEER, formerly called JEFF. DAVIS.

ROB. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal.

DANIEL H. BURDETT, Auctioneer.

U. S. MARSHAL'S SALE,
BY BURDETT, JONES & CO.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas to me directed and delivered, I will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, on the 6th day of August, 1863, at 11 o'clock A. M., at Wheeler's Stores, Atlantic Dock, Brooklyn, the prize schooner *Odd Fellow*, her tackle, &c.

R. MURRAY, U. S. Marshal.

July 23, 1863.

DANIEL H. BURDETT, Auctioneer.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE,
BY BURDETT, JONES & CO.

By virtue of a writ of venditioni exponas to me directed and delivered, I will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION, on the 6th day of August, 1863, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the UNION STORES, BROOKLYN, three hhds. of VIRGINIA TOBACCO, marked E, in diamond, w4 c6, part of the cargo of the Prize schooner CREASHAW.

ROBT. MURRAY, United States Marshal.

DEPOT OF ARMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE, WASHINGTON CITY, D. C.

PUBLIC SALE OF CONDEMNED GOVERNMENT STORES, will be sold at the warehouse on Eighth-st. near B-st. on MONDAY, Aug. 10, 1863, at 10 o'clock A. M., a large lot of clothing, camp and garrison equipage, until for service, consisting in part of trowsers, coats, jackets, blankets, bed-sacks, knapsacks, haversacks, canteens, tents-poles, hatchets, shovels, picks, axes, spades, buckets, drum-cases, fife-cases, bags, and a large lot of old iron, and several tons of tent cuttings.

Terms cash in Government funds.

DANIEL G. THOMAS,
Lt. Col. A. C. S. U. S. Army.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, Corner of 6th and 23d sts., WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28, 1863.

PUBLIC SALES OF CONDEMNED ARMY MULES will take place at the Corral, near the Observatory, in this city, on the second and fourth Wednesdays, the 12th and 26th inst., at 10 A. M.

The property is condemned as unfit for public service. Sales to commence at 10 o'clock A. M., and be continued from day to day until the number on hand shall be sold. Terms cash, in Government funds.

C. M. TOMPKINS, Captain, A. Q. M. U. S. A.

DIVIDENDS.

SIXTH DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF THE GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE CO., No. 1 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK, July 28, 1863.

The Board of Directors have declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of *Five per Cent.*, payable (free of Government tax.) on the 1st day of August.

JOHN R. SMITH, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, July 28, 1863.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have declared a dividend of Three per Cent. out of the Road for six months, ending 30th June ultimo, of Three and One-Half per Cent. on the Preferred Stock, the company assuming and paying the Government tax out of the undivided earnings; also a dividend of Three per Cent. on the Preferred Stock account for the year ending Dec. 31, 1862.

Also, a dividend of Three and One-Half per Cent. on the Common Capital Stock, free of the United States income tax; both payable at the Treasurer's office, Erie-street, on and after the 1st day of August next, to the registered holders of stock at the closing of the books.

The transfer books of both Preferred and Common Stock will be closed at the close of business, on SATURDAY, the 25th day of July, and be reopened on the morning of TUESDAY, the 11th day of August.

HORATIO N. OTIS, Secretary.

CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD COMPANY, TREASURER'S OFFICE, CHICAGO, July 27, 1863.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT a meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a dividend of Three and One-Half Per Cent (free of Government tax) on the Preferred Stock, and a dividend of Two and One-Half Per Cent. (free of Government tax) on the Common Stock of this Company, be paid to the registered stockholders of the Company, on and after Aug. 25, at the office of Messrs. G. S. Robbins & Son, No. 8 William-st., New-York.

The transfer books will be closed on Aug. 15, and reopened on Aug. 26, 1863, and the dividend will be payable only to the stockholders registered at the United States Trust Company, New-York, on Aug. 15.

JOSEPH PRICE, Treasurer and Secretary.

BANK OF THE MANHATTAN COMPANY, NEW-YORK, July 21, 1863.

THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF the MANHATTAN COMPANY have declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of Four per Cent., free from Government tax; the Bank paying the same, out of the profits of the last six months, payable on and after MONDAY, the 10th proximo.

J. S. HARBERGER, Cashier.

THE LEATHER MANUFACTURERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, July 28, 1863.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE (5) Per Cent., (free of Government tax,) has this day been declared payable to the stockholders on and after Saturday, the first day of August next.

The Transfer Books will be closed until that time.

By order of the Board.

H. P. PALMER, Cashier.

BUTCHER'S FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OFFICE, NO. 176 CHATHAM-SQUARE, CORNER OF MOTT-ST., NEW-YORK, July 28, 1863.

DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS HAVE THIS day declared a semi-annual dividend of *five per cent.* (free of Government tax,) payable to the stockholders on and after the first day of August next. The transfer books will be closed till that date. By order of

R. B. FELLOWS, Secretary.

July 28, 1863.

OFFICE OF THE PEOPLE'S (FRENCHMEN'S) COMPANY, NEW-YORK, July 28, 1863.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) Per Cent., payable to the stockholders, free of Government tax, on and after the 3d day of August, at No. 203 Canal-st.

W. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

LEDOX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 15 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, July 15, 1863.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE This day declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., payable on demand, free of Government tax.

WALTER M. FRANKLIN, Secretary.

BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY.

SIXTH DIVIDEND.—The Directors have declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Five (5) per Cent., free from tax, payable at the office, No. 433 Broadway, Aug. 3.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

FOR SALE.—A SPLENDID CHESTNUT-SORREL saddle-horse, 15½ hands high, belonging to an army officer, to be sold at a bargain, well adapted for lady's use. Apply to Mr E. PLATO, No. 359 7th-av., near 34-st.

FOR SALE—A LADY'S SADDLE PONY, VERY stylish, 13½ hands high; also saddle to fit. Sold for the want of use. Very cheap. Apply at Metropolitan Stables, corner of Crosby and Prince-sts.

COMMISSIONER FOR MASSACHUSETTS and other States; and Notary.—No. 5 Beekman-st., New-York, Room No. 5—second floor.

SHIPPING

STEAMSHIP GREAT EASTERN.
FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.
THE STEAMSHIP
GREAT EASTERN,
WALTER PAYNE, Commander,
will be dispatched

From LIVERPOOL.	From NEW-YORK.
WEDNESDAY, Aug. 12.	WEDNESDAY, Sept. 2.

At 12 o'clock P. M., precisely, for 6 o'clock A. M., precisely.

And so fortnightly, thereafter, at about six weeks from their ports.

First Cabin, from ..... gns to $150
Second Cabin—state room berths, meals free $75
Children of servants under 14 years $75
Excursion tickets out and back, in the first and second cabins only, a fare and a half.
Servants accompanying passengers, and children under 14 years of age, half fare. Infants free.
Third Cabin—Accommodations, $40 in gold, including 14 half tons of COTTON, cargo of the prize schooner REINDEER, formerly called JEFF. DAVIS.
COMPRISING OF
Ale, cavendish, alcohol, brandy, Madeira, blanket cloth, tarpaulins, cordage, castor oil, cloves, cotton cards, candles, castile soap, crockery, collars, coffee, calf skins, cloth, dry goods, gin, hose, hardware, handkerchiefs, ink, kerosene oil, lime, lemons, lard, molasses, medicines, nails, needles, opium, olive oil, pipes, paper, pepper, quinine, rum, rope, shoes, soda, shirts, soap, shot, sabragale, steel, sugar, sylvan tea, thread, twine, the Whisky, wine.
Passage money for the above cargo, $40 in gold.
Price of Steerage passage from Liverpool $30
All fares payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.
Each passenger allowed twenty cubic feet of luggage. An experienced Surgeon on board. For passage, apply only to
CHAS. A. WHITNEY, on the Office, No. 36 Broadway.
For freight, apply to
HOWLAND & ASPINWALL, Agents, No. 54 South-st.

STEAM COMMUNICATION
TO LIVERPOOL.

The undersigned will dispatch one of the undersignated or other first-class but powered British built steamers from

NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL,
calling at Queenstown to land passengers and mail.

TELEGRAPHIC DISPATCHES.

Ships.	Tons.	Commanders.	Sailing.
GEORGIA	2,870	Glendell,	Friday, 31st July.
LOUISIANA	2,106	Brooking,	Friday, 14th August.
VIRGINIA	2,975	Milburn,	Friday, 28th August.
CAROLINA	2,975	Pearce,	

These steamers have been all built under the inspection of the Chief Surveyor to the Liverpool Underwriters' Registry of Iron Ships, they have extra water-tight compartments, and classed first-class for 25 years.

They are fitted up for first, second, and third-class passengers, which are charged at the following rates:

First-class	
Second-class	Payable in Currency.
Third-class	

Dietary and accommodation unsurpassed by any other line of steamers.

For further particulars, apply to

WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH-AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR AND BETWEEN BOSTON AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT HALIFAX AND CORK HARBOR.

PERSIA, Lott, leaves New-York Wednesday, July 29.
AFRICA, Brown, leaves Boston Wednesday, Aug. 5.
SCOTIA, Judkins, leaves New-York Wednesday, Aug. 12.
ARABIA, Moodie, leaves Boston Wednesday, Aug. 12.
CHINA, Anderson, leaves New-York Wed'dy, Aug. 26.
ASIA, Shannon, leaves Boston, Wednesday, Sept. 2.

FROM NEW-YORK TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage	$120 00
Second Cabin Passage	80 00

FROM BOSTON TO LIVERPOOL.

Chief Cabin Passage	$112 00
Second Cabin Passage	75 00

Payable in gold, or its equivalent in United States currency.

Berths not secured until paid for.

An experienced surgeon on board.

The owners of these ships will not be responsible for specie or valuables unless bills of lading having the value expressed therein be obtained.

For freight or passage, apply to

E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling Green.

THE
ATLANTIC IRISH ROYAL MAIL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
(GALWAY LINE.)

ADRIATIC, 1,200 Horse-power, 3,000 Tons.
AMERICA, 1,000 Horse-power, 3,000 Tons.
COLUMBIA, 1,000 Horse-power, 3,000 Tons.
ANGLIA, 1,000 Horse-power, 3,000 Tons.

The mercantile steamship
ADRIATIC
will sail from LIVERPOOL, via GALWAY, to NEW-YORK, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th of July, to be followed by the other steamers of the line every alternate Wednesday.

Rates of passage from Liverpool to New-York, payable in gold or its equivalent in currency:

First Cabin	$125
Second Cabin	80
Steerage	35

For passage, apply at the office of the Agents,

SABEL & SEARLE,
No. 23 Broadway.

ELEAZER JONES, Manager.

STEAM TO LONDONDERRY, GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

The Montreal Steamship Company's fast-class full-powered Clyde-built steamer
DAMASCUS,
Carrying the Canadian and United States Mails, will sail from Quebec about
SATURDAY, Aug. 8.
Rates of passage from New-York: First-class, according to accommodation, $67 and $72. Steerage, found with good provisions, $35 00, payable in Gold or its equivalent in United States currency. Continental tickets for bringing out passengers from all the principal towns in Great Britain and Ireland at very low rates. For passage, apply at No. 22 Broadway, New-York.

SABEL & SEARLE, General Agents.

NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

To sail on SATURDAY, Aug. 8, at 3 o'clock P. M., the new side-wheel U. S. M. steamship MORNING STAR, Capt. D. Perkins, Commander, will sail as above from Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Beach-st. For freight or passage, apply to JAMES A. RAYNOR, 161 Broadway.

N. B.—The steamship EVENING STAR will sail for New-Orleans on SATURDAY, Aug. 22.

DIRECT WEEKLY TO LIVERPOOL.—Shipping at QUEENSTOWN, (Cork Harbor.) The well-known steamers of the Liverpool New-York and Philadelphia Steamship Company are intended to sail as follows:

CITY OF NEW-YORK ..... Saturday ..... Aug. 1
CITY OF MANCHESTER ..... Saturday ..... Aug. 15
CITY OF BALTIMORE ..... Saturday ..... Aug. 29

and every succeeding Saturday, as boat, from Pier No. 44 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

Payable in gold, or its equivalent in currency.

First cabin	$80	Steerage	$35 00
Second cabin	50	Steerage to Paris	40 00
First cabin to Paris	90	Steerage to Paris	45 00
First cabin to Hamburg	90	Steerage to Hamburg	50 00

Passengers also forwar

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

Brilliant Cavalry Expedition Under Col. Dorsey—Rebel Cavalry Defeated—Railroad Bridge and Station Destroyed—Railroad Track Torn Up, Cars, Locomotives and Manufacturing Establishments Burned—Johnston Almost of Property Destroyed.

CAIRO, Wednesday, July 29.

[illegible] Col. Dorsey, Chief of Cavalry of Gen. Sherman's army, has just returned from a most brilliant expedition to Canton, Miss., and beyond. At Canton, on the 16th, he met Jackson's rebel cavalry division—4,000 strong, with three pieces of artillery. After a severe engagement he drove him across Pearl River.

Our force consisted of 1,000 Kansas's premier and 1,000 infantry, commanded by Col. Wood of the Seventy-eighth Ohio. They destroyed the railroad bridge over the Big Black, one mile of trestle work between the Big Black and Canton, burning Way's Block Station, burning six miles of the railroad track of the Jackson and New-Orleans and Mississippi Central Railroad, five locomotives, five cars, thirteen large manufacturing establishments and railroad bridges; completely destroyed the Dixie Works, and burned 10,000 feet of lumber. At Canton they also destroyed two miles of track, burned two locomotives, twenty-five cars, the depot, and a large lot of cotton. At Calhoun they burned a pontoon bridge on which Jackson crossed his division over Pearl River, destroyed the ferry at Grant's Mills, and burned several bridges on the railroad.

We captured about 100 prisoners. Our loss is 20 killed and wounded.

The value of the property destroyed is immense. The railroad is completely destroyed for forty miles. Johnston's whole army is demoralized, and in full retreat to Meridian.

Mississippi is completely conquered, and the people are begging for deliverance from Southern rule.

GEN. HERRON'S NEW EXPEDITION.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE GENERAL.

From the Pittsburgh Chronicle.

We understand that Gen. HERRON, with his division, left Vicksburgh some days ago for New-Orleans, and we shall doubtless soon hear of his appearing on some new field of action. If an attack on Mobile is contemplated he will in all probability play an active and prominent part in it. The General has always shown great celerity in his movements, and where energy, activity and hard knocks are required he is just the officer for the work. It is not generally known, at least we have seen no notice of the fact, that Gen. HERRON was on board the gunboat *De Kalb* when the latter was blown up at Yazoo City, and had a narrow escape from death. He was standing on the deck with Gen. *Vandeveer and others, when a torpedo exploded under* the *De Kalb*, blowing her bow off, and otherwise injuring her, so that she sunk in a few minutes in fifteen feet of water. The General and those with him were thrown down by the force of the explosion, and were nearly killed by the falling fragments of the boat, which fell everywhere around them. They all escaped, however, and we know the result. Gen. HERRON being a Pittsburgher, the people here naturally take a deep interest in him, and his movements are watched with more than ordinary anxiety. Like our other townsman, Gen. NEGLEY, his record is a brilliant one, and his friends have reason to feel proud of him.

JEFF. DAVIS' LIBRARY AND PAPERS.

WHO DESTROYED THEM.

A letter in the Providence *Journal*, dated Camp Seventh Rhode-Island volunteers, near Jackson, Miss., July 15, says:

After crossing the Big Black, the 9th army corps began their disgraceful proceedings, of ransacking, plunging and burning. The first day our brigade were satisfied by looking at the work of others; but the second day we passed a plantation that belonged to Jefferson Davis, upon which the houses were still standing. The house was a fine one, with a beautiful lawn and shrubbery, containing quite a little furniture which had escaped smashing by those who had gone before. Just as we left it some one set it on fire. About a mile further on, we came to the blazing house upon the plantation of his brother JOSEPH.

On the evening of Thursday, the 9th, we encamped about a quarter of a mile northeast of Clinton, Miss., from which place we started next morning, and halted about 9 o'clock, in a wood about four miles from Jackson, to draw rations. While here we were told that at a house something more than a mile off, down a by-path, we could procure water. Many of the men went down there and found, besides good water, a plenty of sugar and molasses. We left this place at noon and marched on some six or seven miles, taking a position on the extreme left of the line, in front of Jackson. The brigade left their knapsacks at the halting place of the morning, therefore we were obliged, for the most part, to sleep that night minus blankets. As the night was warm and clear, it was not uncomfortable.

The next day our stragglers began to come in, almost every one bearing some plunder, in the shape of a book or an ornament belonging to a fine library. We were soon informed that the house near our halting place of the day previous, where good water was to be found, contained in a little attic the private library of the Hon. JEFFERSON DAVIS. The books were discovered only by accident. They were put up in large, strong boxes, bound with hoops of iron. The contents of these boxes were soon brought to light, and hundreds of trophies secured, while volumes bound in every variety of rich binding; poetry, history, science, the gifts of friends, from every part of the United States; Congressional documents and statistics, private and political letters and letter-books, into which were copied the correspondence of years, written in the unswerving hand of their former possessor; in fact, everything that exists on paper of great private value to the rebel President lay heaped upon the floor in one huge pile, over which the soldiers walked with dirty feet, or which they tossed hither and thither, as they appeared to be of more or less value as trophies of their owner. The library was secreted in the house of a Mr. Cox, who was formerly a steward of Mr. DAVIS.

The Removal of Gen. McClernand.

THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN GENS. GRANT AND M'CLERNAND.

From Gen. McClernand to Gen. Grant.

HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS, BATTLE-FIELD, NEAR VICKSBURGH, June 4, 1863.

GENERAL: What appears to be a systematic effort to destroy my usefulness and reputation as a commander, makes it proper that I should address you this note.

It is reported, among other things, as I understand, that I attacked the enemy's works on the 22d ult. without authority; again, that I attacked too late; again, that I am responsible for your failure and loss; again, that I am arrested and being sent North; again, that my command is turned over to another officer; and again, that you have personally assumed command of it. These reports are finding their way from the landings up the river.

I hardly need say to you that all these reports are false; that I obeyed orders in attacking; that my attack was more prompt, and in a large measure successful, than any other; that the ultimate failure of the general attack, and losses attending the failure, were, under the circumstances, unavoidable consequences of obstacles found to be insurmountable, and in spite of a determined effort on my part to carry and hold the works in obedience to your express and peremptory order. I may add that I am not yet under arrest, or being sent away or superseded in my command.

All these things being known to you, and these false reports being brought to your notice, it remains for you to determine whether truth, justice and generosity do not call on you for such a declaration as will be conclusive in the matter.

Your obedient servant,
(Signed,) JOHN A. McCLERNAND,
Major-General Commanding.

Maj.-Gen. U. S. GRANT, Commanding Department of Tennessee.

Gen. Grant to Gen. McClernand.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE TENNESSEE, NEAR VICKSBURGH, June 17, 1863.

Major-Gen. J. A. McClernand, Commanding Thirteenth Army Corps:

GENERAL: Inclosed I send you what purports to be your congratulatory address to the Thirteenth Army corps.

I would respectfully ask if it is a true copy. If it is not a correct copy, furnish me one by bearer, as required both by regulations and existing orders of the Department. Very respectfully,

(Signed,) U. S. GRANT, Major-General.

Telegram.

HEADQUARTERS THIRTEENTH ARMY CORPS, NEAR VICKSBURGH, June 18, 1863.

MAJ.-GEN. GRANT: I have just returned. The newspaper slip is a correct copy of my congratulatory order, No. 72. I am prepared to maintain its statements.

I regret that my Adjutant did not send you a copy yesterday, as he ought, and as I thought he had.

(Signed,) JOHN A. McCLERNAND,
Major-General Commanding.

Extract from Special Order.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE, NEAR VICKSBURGH, Miss., June 15, 1863.

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 154.—(Extract.)—Maj.-Gen. JOHN A. MCCLERNAND is hereby relieved from the command of the Thirteenth army corps. He will proceed to any point he may select, in the State of Illinois, and report by letter to headquarters of the army for orders.

Maj.-Gen. E. O. C. ORD is hereby appointed to the command of the Thirteenth army corps, subject to the approval of the President, and will immediately assume charge of the same.

By order of Maj.-Gen. U. S. GRANT.
(Signed.) JOHN A. RAWLINS, Asst. Adjt.-Gen.

Last Reply of Gen. McClernand.

BATTLE FIELD, NEAR VICKSBURGH, Miss., June 10, 1863.

Maj.-Gen. U. S. Grant, Commanding Department Tennessee:

Your order relieving me, and appointing Maj.-Gen. Ord to the command of the Thirteenth army corps, is received.

Having been appointed by the President to the command of that corps, under a definite act of Congress, I might justly challenge your authority in the premises, but forbear to do so at present.

I am quite willing that any statement of fact in my congratulatory order to the Thirteenth Army corps to which you think just exception may be taken, should be made the subject of investigation, and abiding the result. Your obedient servant,

(Signed) JOHN A. McCLERNAND,
Major-General.

The War in Tennessee.

HISTORY OF A DESERTER FROM JOHNSTON'S ARMY.

Correspondence of the Louisville Journal.

WINCHESTER, Wednesday, July 29, 1863.

Two deserters came in today from JOHNSTON'S army, having traveled on foot the whole distance from Jackson to this place. They fully confirm the statements of other deserters concerning the demoralization and destitution of the rebel army. Two months ago, they say, it was thoroughly disaffected, and was rapidly splitting the ranks and deserting to our lines.

JOHNSTON was moving toward Mobile. An expedition, composed of the Ninety-eighth ——, Col. FORNSTAGER, and a portion of the Ninety-second Illinois, Col. ATKINS, returned to camp to-day, after a severe day's trip through the country contiguous to Columbia, and extending northward as far as Hillsboro and Spring Hill. The wealthy country lying along Duck River was thoroughly searched and cleared of guerrillas.

Several skirmishes occurred, resulting in the killing of several and the capture of twenty prisoners. Our loss is one man killed and six captured, who were paroled and have since returned to camp. The command brought in over eleven hundred horses and mules and about two hundred and fifty negroes.

Gen. ROSECRANS and Provost-Marshal General WILKES arrived this evening from Nashville.

REBUILDING THE BRIDGE OVER ELK RIVER.

Correspondence of the Detroit Free Press.

ELK RIVER, Tenn., Saturday, July 25, 1863.

July 2, while the Michigan engineers and mechanics were in camp at Tullahoma, Col. INGRAM received orders to march to this place and build a railroad bridge over Elk River, in place of one destroyed by BRAGG on his retreat over the mountains.

On our arrival here, July 10, we found that the Pioneers had rebuilt a small road bridge and had abandoned the building of the railroad bridge after getting out a few sticks of timber, as they said it would take seven weeks to build it, and Gen. ROSECRANS would not allow of so much delay. We commenced work on the 11th, and on the 18th, at 2 P. M., our reconstructed train passed over the finished structure, the dimensions of which are, length, 500 feet, height, 96 feet.

In the meantime, Major E. B. TAYLOR had moved with Companies E, I and K, over the mountains to Zantiallon Station, leaving here on the 13th; to rebuild three bridges that had been burned on that portion of the road. The three bridges, being in the aggregate 342 feet in length, were finished on the afternoon of the 16th, a short time before the shrill whistle of the iron horse announced the arrival of our construction train, with Col. INGRAM, Lieut.-Col. HUSTON, Surgeon DE CAMP, and other officers on board, bound down the road on a tour of inspection.

On the 20th our train ran down below STEVENSON far enough to show that the road was in running order to the Tennessee River.

Instead of engineers and mechanics "assisting the Pioneer brigade," as has been stated, they have done all the work, and, as will be seen by the following congratulatory orders of Gen. ROSECRANS, are entitled to all the praise:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND, NASHVILLE, July 13, 1863.

Col. Wm. P. Innes, Commanding Engineers and Mechanics, Elk River Bridge:

Your dispatch of 3:40 P. M., reporting the completion of Elk River Bridge is received. The General commanding thanks you and your regiment, for the resolute faithfulness displayed.

(Signed) J. A. GARFIELD,
Brigadier-General and Chief of Staff.

NASHVILLE, July 18, 1863.

Col. Wm. P. Innes, Elk River:

Just received a dispatch from Col. TAYLOR, stating that the bridges are completed. The General commanding desires you to say so to your men.

(Signed) CHAS. B. THOMPSON, A. D. C.

We are now putting up our tents and doing other work necessary on a well regulated railroad. To-day the Paymaster is dispensing "greenbacks" to the boys, and we all feel jubilant. A. R. C.

THE OBSEQUIES OF MR. CRITTENDEN.

Large Attendance of State and Military Authorities.

Correspondence of the Cincinnati Gazette.

FRANKFORT, KY., Friday, July 30.

The funeral of Hon. JOHN JORDAN CRITTENDEN took place from his late residence in this city yesterday. Judging from the distinction of the man in his public life, one would be led to infer that his obsequies would be attended by all the pomp and show peculiar to the great of this world, but these happily by design were wanting, and the interment of Kentucky's favored and honored son was simply that becoming his unassuming and modest character as a citizen and a man.

Mr. CRITTENDEN died on Sunday last, and on the following day Gov. ROBINSON issued the following official request:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, FRANKFORT, July 27, 1863.

When a great man dies, a nation mourns. Such an event has occurred in our midst, in the death of the Hon. JOHN J. CRITTENDEN, Kentucky's longest tried statesman in her public service, a man faithful to every trust, one who has added, by his talents and character, to the fame of the nation, and has predominantly advanced the glory and honor of his native Kentucky. It is fit and proper that all testimonials of respect and affection should be paid his remains by all in authority as well as by private citizens. I, therefore, earnestly request that all places of business shall be closed on Wednesday next, from the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning until 3 of the afternoon, and hereby direct all the public offices in Frankfort to be closed during that entire day. I appoint Gen. LOUIS D. PRITCHER, Col. JAMES H. GARRARD and Col. ORLANDO BROWN, a Committee to make all suitable arrangements for the funeral.

By the Governor, J. F. ROBINSON.
D. C. WICKLIFFE, Secretary of State.

In compliance with the one public office and places of business were closed all day, and every mark of respect was shown customary on such occasions. Previous to the hour of burial the friends and relatives of the deceased assembled at his late residence to pay their "last tribute of respect" to the remains, after which they were removed to the Presbyterian church, where the funeral rite was performed.

THE FUNERAL CEREMONY.

At 10 o'clock the burial service was commenced by Rev. JOHN R. HARRISON, a relative of the deceased, and a discourse delivered to a densely-crowded audience, among whom were all the officers of State, heads of the Departments, and all the living relatives of the departed statesman.

The minister touchingly alluded to the character of the deceased, and dwelt with tearful tenderness upon his many social and domestic virtues and endearments. He was a true friend, an affectionate father, and a devoted husband, and God had crowned his life with years more than are allotted to men.

At the close of the exercises the pall was lifted, and disclosed a plain metallic coffin, without ornament, other than the customary breastplate bearing the simple inscription of name and dates of birth and death. The hand of affection had scattered a few sweetly scented white flowers on the last receptacle, and to so exhaled their natural tribute, while their simplicity fitly symbolized the modest merit of the sleeper within.

The procession formed in front of the church, in the following order:

1. Gen. J. T. Boyle, Chief Marshal, and Staff.
2. Military escort—Second Maryland Volunteers, Col. Allard.
3. Cornet Band.
4. Pall bearers:

James Guthrie,	1	Gen. Peter Dudley.
Benjamin Gratz,	2	Col. A. H. Renwick.
J. E. Thornton,	3	Jacob Swigert.
Larkee Woodson,	4	E. H. Taylor.
Samuel Nuckols,	5	Mason Brown.

6. Family in carriages.
Assistant Marshal Col. H. M. Buckley.
5. Gov. Robinson and Staff.
7. Officers of State Departments.
8. Judges and officers of State Courts.
Assistant Marshal Col. Munday.
9. Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Louisville.
10. City Council and Officers of the City of Louisville.
11. Mayor and Council of the City of Frankfort.
Assistant Marshal Col. W. Cooper.
12. *United States Military Officers*, mounted and in carriages.
Assistant Marshals Lieut.-Col. Charles S. Hanson and Maj. John Mason Brown.
13. Citizens mounted, on foot and in carriages.

The procession moved to the solemn strains of the band at 12 o'clock, and passing over Arsenal Hill, reached the beautiful cemetery of Frankfort, overlooking the Kentucky River.

The *cortège* passed through the gravelled gravel-skirted streets of the "city of the dead," until it reached a beautiful square monument, with a shrouded urn, erected by Mr. CRITTENDEN to the memory of his deceased wife. Here it paused, and the coffin was borne from the hearse to its last resting-place.

Around the closing grave of the lamented CRITTENDEN were gathered many heavy-headed sires and matrons of the present generation, and many a tear fell from aged eyes as the memory of the eventful past was conjured up by the burial of the great man. Friends, relatives, acquaintances, admirers—all were there to do honor to his interment and exchange their common expressions of love and esteem.

Concealed Weapons.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, July 29, 1863.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Is it not high time that the law against carrying concealed weapons should be rigidly enforced, and ample punishment meted out to offenders? It is perfectly frightful to reflect upon the extent to which *mere lads offend against the law in this respect. Let* me illustrate. At about 11 o'clock to-day a ragged, shoeless urchin, of certainly not more than 13 years of age, whilst in Reade-street, near Elm-street, pulled out a self-cocking pistol, and while examining it discharged a bullet into a horse standing near by. The child was promptly arrested. Now let us see whether anything can be done in this matter. No wonder that such loss of life took place in the late riots, when every roughy boy is allowed to go armed. Cannot you lend your powerful aid in suppressing this dangerous practice. MERCATOR.

ITEMS ABOUT THE DRAFT.

In Maryland.

GEN. SCHENCK'S PENALTY FOR RESISTING IT.

HEADQUARTERS MIDDLE DEPARTMENT, EASTERN ARMY CORPS, BALTIMORE, July 27, 1863.

Two barns and other property, situated in the Fourth Election District, Harford County, Md., belonging to, or occupied by, Levi PARRIGORE and Jonathan PARRY and brother, loyal citizens of said District, having been burnt and destroyed by persons who resorted to that outrage as a means of preventing and deterring the proper official authorities from the enforcement of the enrollment act and draft of militia, in that county, it is ordered: That the full value of said property shall be paid to by the disloyal citizens of that neighborhood. For this purpose an assessment of three thousand dollars, (3,000,) being the estimated value of the property destroyed, is made, and shall be collected immediately on the following amounts and from the following named persons known to be disaffected to the loyal Government, or the enemy, and encouragers of rebellion and treason, and who reside within a distance of six miles from the points where the barns were burnt:

James A. Ames, $250; Alexander Eusey, $24; Thomas L. Emory, $10; Abraham A. Gilbert, $50; Shadrach H. Gilbert, $24; John Hawkins, $24; Thomas Hope, $65; William B. Jarrett, $10; George Lemmon, $40; Richard Moore, $30; Nathan Nelson, $79; Nicholas H. Nelson, $190; Robert Nelson, $66; Evan S. Rogers, $472; Abram Rutledge, $71; Jesse W. Rutledge, $178; Charles H. Ralls, $155; John Rush Street, $30; Dr. St. Clair Street, $439; Shadrach Street, Jr., $39; Dr. Abraham J. Street, $247; John Walter Streets, $55; Shadrach Street, Sr., $40; James R. Scarf, $110; Eli Turner, $40; James W. Polly, $48; Howard Watters, $25; Caleb Wright, $30; John D. Alderson, $47; Thomas Alderson, $10; James Walt, $32; Nathan Hurst, $10; Nathan Gratton, $10; Thomas Day, $10; Rowland Whitaker, $20.—Total, $3,000.

The several persons above named will be notified that they will be required to pay their proportions of the assessment thus made, within three days from the time of notification. In case of the neglect of any one of them to pay after being thus notified, an officer will at once proceed to make collection thereof; and any person refusing to pay on demand shall be forthwith arrested and sent to the Provost-Marshal of this army corps, at Baltimore, to be held in confinement until compliance with this order is enforced.

Capt. WM. L. CARSON, First Delaware Cavalry, now on duty with his company in Harford County, is charged with giving the necessary notices, and generally with the execution of this order. The money thus obtained will be paid over, when collected, to Capt. ROBERT CARMICHAEL, United States Provost Marshal of that Congressional District, to trust, to be distributed and paid by him to the sufferers. Messrs. PARRIGORE and PARRY. It is to be understood, however, that in consequence of the reimbursement to the owners, no officer will relax his vigilance in detecting, arresting and bringing to punishment under the provisions of law, the guilty parties to the incendiary and malicious acts of destruction.

By order of Maj.-Gen. SCHENCK.
W. H. CHESEBROUGH, Lieut.-Col. and A. A. G.

In New-Jersey.

IMPORTANT LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT.

From the Trenton Republican, July 31.

There is a very general misconception as to the action of the General Government in relation to the draft in this State. We have seen it stated in several newspapers that, at the request of Gov. PARKER, the draft has been suspended in New-Jersey.

The facts, as we understand them, are, that Gov. PARKER made application to the President for a suspension of the draft in this State, in order that an effort might be made to raise the required number of men by voluntary enlistment. This request was not granted. The President, however, stated that the Government would not be ready to commence the draft in this State for the space of thirty days. The Governor then made application (through the Adjutant-General of the State) to ascertain the exact quota of the State, with a view to ascertain if the quota—or part of it—by voluntary enlistment, in response to this the President replied as follows, by a letter addressed to Gov. PARKER, promising that the Federal authorities were not yet ready to proceed with the draft in New-Jersey:

"Every volunteer you will present to within thirty days from this date, (July 31,) fit and ready to be mustered into the United service, shall be *pro tanto* an abatement of your quota of the draft. Your quota I am now state at eight thousand seven hundred and eighty-three."

In this letter the President settled another very important point which has created much feeling in the State, having reference to the alleged *previous* deficiency of the State, amounting, as was asserted in some quarters, on all the calls, to nearly 12,000 men, and for which it had been rumored there would be a draft, in addition to the one under the Conscription act. On this head the President writes:

"No draft for New-Jersey other than for the above quota, (8,783) will be made, unless some additional draft, common to *all the States*, shall be required; and, I may add, that if we get well through the present draft, I certain a strong hope that any further one may never be needed. This expression of hope, however, must not be construed into a promise."

The impression seems to prevail that some peculiar favor had been extended to New-Jersey, not enjoyed by other States. This is a mistake, as the explanation made above shows. The draft has, as yet, been commenced in very few of the States. It would be neither wise nor practicable to commence the draft on the same day in each State. Leaving out of sight other reasons, that will readily occur to every one, the Government would rather be embarrassed and weakened than added and strengthened, by being called upon to provide for 300,000 undisciplined and unorganized conscripts at the same time. This being the case, the only practicable course is to take one or two States at a time, leaving others to take their turn. This enables the Government to organize, officer and arm the drafted men gradually, without confusion and without trouble. Some States have been called on before New-Jersey; others, no doubt, will escape the draft until after New-Jersey has furnished her quota. This we have now an opportunity to do by raising volunteers. If we take advantage of this, there will be no draft—if we do not, it will be enforced; this is certain, and it is for the people of the State to say which they prefer.

In Washington County, N. Y.

From the Troy Times, Aug. 1.

The drafting for Washington County has been completed. Something over $25,000 has been realized from the payment of commutations. The number of commutations accepted for service does not exceed over twenty-five or thirty. All but about one hundred of the persons drafted have reported to the Provost-Marshal. The exemptions under the law are so numerous that a large percentage of the drafted—considerably more than one-half—get off free. Probably of the one hundred who have not reported, but very few can now be found. Some have run away, and others had left when the enrollment was made, or soon after. It is a pretty clean sweep when all but one hundred from a county respond to the call of the President-Marshal.

There has been no opposition, and very little dissatisfaction with the draft in Washington County, nor indeed elsewhere in the State except in New-York, Troy, and by some threatenings in one or two other cities.

The Result in Providence, R. I.

From the Providence Journal, July 30.

Business was active before the First Board yesterday. Some misunderstanding relative to the town that was to come in rendered the labors of the day less arduous in Capt. CHASSAY's department. In the First District 17 drafted men were passed the Board without exemption; 33 provided substitutes; 3 commuted, and 55 were discharged—29 for physical disability, 4 for alienage, 3 (or non-residence, 6 as only sons of widows, 8 were elected by parents, 4 were in the service March 3, and 1 had been convicted of felony. A large number of offered substitutes were rejected.

In the Second District 8 drafted men were held for service, 4 substitutes were accepted, and 10 examined and rejected, 1 commuted, and 9 were exempted for physical causes.

Most of the substitutes who were accepted were paid from $100 to $150 each. The expense to the drafted man was about $300, the cost of providing and substituting the same, and the brokerage absorbing the difference between what was paid and what was received.

Fifty-six men from the Second District and fifty-one from the First, were sent to Boston yesterday morning. The detachment went down in charge of officers SWAN, BATCHELDER, PEARCE and WILLIAMS, with a guard of the invalid corps, and every man of them was delivered at the destination. More than that, coming back across Boston Common, the officers discovered one WM. FLEMING a deserter from the Second Rhode Island cavalry, and he bore them company home. Rather a successful expedition in these fickklish times.

From the Providence Journal, July 31.

In the First District, yesterday, 18 drafted men passed the Board without exemption, 36 provided substitutes, and 27 were discharged for various causes, viz.: physical disability, 16; aliens, 2; non-residents, 2; sons of widows, 3; commuted, 5; two of same family in service, 2; in service March 3, 3; father of motherless children, 1. Twenty-one would be substitutes were examined and rejected.

In the Second District, 14 drafted men were held for service; 15 substitutes were received, and 20 rejected, 2 commuted, and 17 were exempted for physical disability and other causes. SAMUEL PERRY, an intelligent, fine-looking man, stands the draft for himself, and will probably be assigned to the artillery company now forming.

In New-Bedford, Mass.

From the New-Bedford Mercury, July 30.

Of the 120 conscripts who presented themselves to the Board of Enrollment yesterday, 71 received exemption papers, 8 furnished substitutes, 4 were commuted for, and 37 passed.

A squad of men from the Fort were on duty at the Provost-Marshal's headquarters yesterday, and all conscripts were required to pass into the hall instead of crowding about the door and upon the stairs.

Substitutes are scarce and in demand, with an upward tendency in price. The quotation yesterday was in the neighborhood of $400.

The rush of conscripts from the Cape gives the streets a busy look, particularly about Pierian Hall and Dean's Hotel, but the most perfect good order prevails. The exemptions are so numerous that the draft is beginning to be regarded as not enough of a hardship after all.

In Philadelphia.

From the Philadelphia Press, July 31.

The number of names placed in the wheels and drawn from the same, in the three Wards, are as follows:

First Ward, whole number	4,894	
Number drawn		1,633
Sixth Ward, whole number	1,767	
Number drawn		627
Eleventh Ward, whole number	1,514	
Number drawn		475
Total	8,175	2,735

The number drawn includes the 50 per cent.; the quota required is 1,635.

Three more telegraphers were drafted yesterday, making fifteen in all taken from the American Telegraph Company's office. Messrs. JAS. BIRKINBINE, JAS. J. IRVINE and WM. CAMPBELL were the honored recipients of their country's favor. They will go if their services can be dispensed with.

The Constitutionality of the Draft to Be Tested.

From the Philadelphia Ledger, Aug. 1.

Yesterday afternoon a bill of equity was filed in the Supreme Court, with a view to test the constitutionality of the Conscription Act. The complainant, in the present case, has not received notice of his being drafted; but another bill is being drawn, in which the complainant has received the required notice. The present bill is filed by Wm. FRANCIS HUNTER, a citizen of the United and of the State of Pennsylvania, and residing in the Third Ward of the City of Philadelphia, of the age of 23, as well as for other citizens of Pennsylvania, who may become parties hereto, against WILLIAM H. LEMBLE, U. S. Marshal, CHARLES MCMURRY and EDWARD SCANLAN. The complainant avers that his rights have been violated and his personal liberty is about to be invaded by the defendants, under the pretence of executing a law of the United States. The bill then sets forth the Conscription Act, and the complainant avers that he has received no notice, but he is in daily expectation of receiving a notice and being required immediately to report for duty at a designated rendezvous, on pain of being regarded as a deserter from military service, and of punishment by death under the articles of war.

He is advised that the act of Congress under which he was enrolled and drafted for military service without his consent, and contrary to his will, is in derogation of the reserved rights of the States, and of the liberties and rights of the citizens thereof, and that the same is unconstitutional and void, there being delegated by the States and the people thereof to the Federal Government no power to enact such a law.

The bill further charges that by reason of the omission from the enrollment of many individuals, able-bodied male citizens of the United States, and of sons of foreign birth, who have declared, on oath, their intention to become citizens, between the ages of 20 and 45, as aforesaid, exempted by the act, and resident in the Third Ward of the City of Philadelphia, the said enrollment and draft were fraudulent and void.

The bill further charges that the proceedings under the draft are against common justice in this, that the draft is being enforced only in certain of the States not in rebellion and in insurrection, and certain other States and districts and parts of States are not being drafted for, and the plaintiff charges that, by reason thereof, the draft is unlawful.

The bill concludes with a prayer for a writ of injunction against the defendants, to restrain them from further proceeding with the enrollment, enrollment or draft of citizens of this Commonwealth, and of all persons of foreign birth who may have declared their intentions to become citizens in pursuance of the laws, to perform compulsory military duty in the service of the United States, and for all other proceedings which violate the rights and invade the personal liberty of such persons under pretence of executing the said law of the United States, and preliminarily from all proceedings under such pretence against the person of this plaintiff.

Messrs. CHARLES INGERSOLL, GEORGE M. WHARTON and GEORGE W. BIDDLE appear for the plaintiff. No time has been fixed for the argument, which will be before a full bench and at an early day.

Substitutes and the Proposed Action of Our Common Council.

From the Philadelphia Press, Aug. 1.

The city population is being augmented daily by large arrivals of stalwart men from New-York City and other places, who announce their readiness to enter the United States service "for a consideration." They are in the market, and offer themselves to the highest bidder, after the manner of auctioneers. They are less moved by a desire to serve as soldiers than to land down with big green backs that before knew of some neither big nor small. As a financial question, the drafted men of this fifty link will recover on the exemption of the New-York conscripts by municipal action. Such a course keeps down the price of substitutes, for it throws upon this community a vast number of men who have been kept back from entering the army by those who might desire we had no army at all, and enables thereby the people of this city not only to be exempt, but exempt at a low price. The "poor men" of New-York will now enter the service not predicted to New-York, but to Philadelphia. Thanks to the short-sighted wisdom of New-York Councilmen.

The price of substitutes ranges from fifty dollars to one hundred and fifty. We have heard instances of the payment of as high a sum as two hundred and fifty. The latter is certainly an exorbitant figure, in view of the fact that there are so many men offering themselves. Those who pay such high amounts will learn the mistake of acting too hastily. It is estimated that of those drawn from the wheel about one-fourth will enter the service. The remainder will be exempted by disability, or by the procurement of substitutes. Very little hope may be entertained that an escape can be effected by those who are among the overplus of fifty per cent. The applications for exemption on account of physical disability are very large, and it is quite likely that so many of the claims will be honored that the fifty per cent. of names will not cover the deficiencies.

Many of the "substitute" men are holding back in the hope of higher prices. Such a hope, we suppose, will turn out an illusion. The returning volunteers, who enlisted for the Pennsylvania "emergency," having a taste for the military life, are anxious again to enter the service. Already some two or three hundred have enlisted, and the volunteering thus far is satisfied with the extent of the Government bounty. They will naturally enter as competitors in the substitute market, and therefore $100 will be considered a high bounty, independent of what a substitute obtains from the Government.

A Disturbance in Tioga County, N. Y.

From the Owego Times, July 30.

On Saturday last, while young Mr. CONRIGHT and Lieut. N. W. Davis, Jr., were engaged in notifying the drafted persons on the road which connects Wait's Settlement and South Owego, nearly midway between those two places, while passing a place of woods, they were fired on, and one of the horses connected with the carriage in which they rode was instantly killed. Before this they had been greeted with eggs and scalding water, very profusely administered, besides a very liberal application of the fervent billingsgate. The young men returned as soon as convenient and notified Provost-Marshal KAYES of the state of affairs in the South—of Tioga County. The Marshal at once ordered out a force of some men, armed to the teeth, mostly returned soldiers, who proceeded in carriages to the scene of the outrage. During the evening the rain fell in torrents, but the boys soon gathered up those they could find of the riotously disposed, and brought them to the village and handed them over the Marshal. Two of them, EDWARD SANDERS and ARLEMS GORSLINE, have already been sent to the United States Prison at Canandaigua, and Mrs. FOX, from the same part of the county, since arrested, may soon follow. She, it is said, was most liberal of scalding water and rotten eggs.

The Question of Colored Substitutes.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN A NEGRO CONSCRIPT AND THE PROVOST MARSHAL-GENERAL.

NO. 98 MERRIMAC-STREET, BOSTON, Thursday, July 23, 1863.

SIR: Will you do me the favor to answer the following question:

It having been decided by you that a negro will not be accepted by you as a substitute for a white soldier who has been drafted into the service of the United States, and as the Government demand as the price for a white citizen who has been drafted three hundred dollars for his exemption, and will not take a negro in his stead, not considering him of equal value, please inform me the price you demand to exempt a negro conscript.

Very respectfully,
(Signed.) ANDREW REYNOLDS,
Negro Conscript.

To Col. J. B. FAY, Provost-Marshal-General, Washington, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT, PROVOST-MARSHAL-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20, 1863.

Mr. Andrew Reynolds, Boston, Mass.:

SIR: I am directed by the Provost-Marshal-General to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 23d inst., and to say that the Enrollment act provides that men may procure exemption from a particular draft on the payment of $300. If drafted, and no such payment is made, and a substitute is not procured, they must serve their term of enlistment.

The Provost-Marshal-General cannot receive any differ ent amount from that fixed by the Secretary of War. I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,
HENRY STONE, A. A. G.

The Skedaddlers in Canada.

A correspondent of the Springfield *Republican* writes from Waterville, C. E.:

We confess to a little tenderness on the score of harboring so many of your 'skedaddlers,' but, according to the statutes of this Province, no party is responsible for harboring a runaway, unless a sufficient advertisement of the same has been conspicuously posted; this, you have, as we think for prudential reasons, neglected to do. However, rather than allow this matter to conduce to a continued coldness between us, you will be allowed to 'take away the property' without 'paying charges,' for, as a class, if desirable to say, it is only as 'chaff is wind.' If these renegades possessed the slightest tincture of sensibility, they would sooner return to their own country, and beg a place in the make of a fortnight hence, than remain here in 'drawers of wood and drawers of water' to a people unacquainted with native laborers, and subject themselves to the taunts of all, from the veriest John Bull, with decent proclivities, down to the dullest Hibernian, who would not scruple to hoot them at their attempt to look like conscripts over in the south. At all public gatherings these skedaddlers are in demand; speakers having got the ability of feeling toward the geese, have the opportunity to turn a few sentences upon them, and secure a round of applause. It was formerly thought by many here, that there would be an influx of a better class of persons, actuated by no honest difference of opinion in regard to the war, as in the case of the late revolution, when a good many men of enterprise settled in this country; but of the hundreds now hanging about, not half a dozen can be found with other enterprise of intelligence. The majority of them have no higher conception of honor than a greasy wine stained card. Say a few words in sympathy, and the native out of employment feels the time being, while the employer is beginning to realize that a man who will play false in his country in the hour of trial, will prove false in all other relations. The increase of crime in this country within a few months has tended to strengthen the prejudice against this class of persons; and some of the most commonly exhibit more ingenuity than the coarse mode of native rascals have credit for. A favorite operation, and an exceedingly cool one, for one of the parties concerned, has been the shearing of sheep. This was carried on pretty extensively through the months of March and April, until it was found more convenient to allow the proprietors to perform the labor on shares—that is, the carcass was left, while the fleece placed in some exposed apartment, and being most merchantable at the time, is appropriated to the thief.

Corrections of Mistakes in Drafting.

The following official order has been issued:

WAR DEPARTMENT, PROVOST-MARSHAL-GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., July 28, 1863.

CIRCULAR No. 59.—Whenever any drafted man shall show to the Board of Enrollment of the district to which he may have been enrolled that he was improperly enrolled, having been, when enrolled, an alien, a non-resident of the district, not of proper age, or in the service on the 3d of March, 1863, he shall be discharged by the Board, and his place in the quota shall not be filled from the fifty per cent. drawn in addition to the quota to supply accession created by exemption arising under the second section of the Enrollment act.

JAMES B. FRY,
Provost-Marshal-General.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

—According to the Springfield *Republican*, it is no wonder the examiners are greatly in excess of the men accepted. If all the Surgeons proceed on the plan of one in one of the eastern districts of Massachusetts. Three Barnstable coasters, half fishermen, half farmers, went to him, and so sure were they that they had no real cause for exemption, that each carried $300 in his pocket, with which to pay commutation. Number one was asked if anything ailed him. *He did not know of anything, unless it was that one* of his feet hurt him after walking a good deal, (quite natural for a fisherman, not much used to it;) and so, after looking at his foot, the Commissioners excused him for "a bunion," in his unanonymous. Number two being asked if anything ailed him—a man famous for success in capturing whales—he said he thought he had a gimlet-hole in his head, meaning the one of good appetite, who sometimes did not have occasion to work off his full feed.) He received a certificate of exemption on account of "error in diagnosis." The third simply stated that he did not think himself strong enough for a soldier, and was turned by for "general debility."

—In Philadelphia, among the "elect" are the